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FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—The BRICK HOUSE now occupied by B. E. Mosley, Esq., on Grace street, between 3d and 4th, suitable for a large family. Possession given by the 1st of January next, if not sooner.
de 2—3t GEO. F. MAYNARD.

FOR SALE.—I wish to sell my HOUSE on French Garden Hill. For particulars, enquire on the premises.
de 2—3t* DAVID GIBSON.

FOR RENT—A very desirable House on Main street, between 19th and 20th streets, known as the "Old Stone House." Possession can be had from 10 to 12 days. Apply to
EDW'D D. EACHO,
de 2 General Agent and Collector.

FOR RENT—A new brick House on Eighth street, near the City Spring. Possession can be had by the 15th December or 1st January. Apply to the subscriber, at Courtney & Hill's dry goods store, Broad street.
de 1—2aw3w J. C. COURTNEY.

FOR RENT—A small ROOM, near the stable of Mr. R. S. Turner, suitable for a store, &c. Apply to
EDWARD D. EACHO,
de 1 General Agent and Collector.

FOR RENT—The small brick HOUSE, on 29th street, Church Hill, at present occupied by Mr. Robert Currie. Possession given in a few days. Apply to TOLER & COOK,
de 1 Pearl street.

FOR RENT.—A small brick tenement in Adams's Valley, containing four rooms, and opposite to the residence of J. E. Byers, Esq. Possession can be had immediately. Apply to
EDWARD D. EACHO,
no 30 General Agent and Collector.

FOR RENT—A Brick House, containing five rooms, and a kitchen attached, all in good repair, just beyond the Poor House. Possession can be had immediately. Apply to
EDW'D D. EACHO,
no 29 General Agent and Collector.

FOR RENT, by the day or week, the large ROOM over my store, for the sale of Paintings, Books, &c., at auction. The room is very well suited, having shelves, gas fixtures, &c.
no 29 ELIAS HALE, 106 Main st.

FOR RENT.—The Brick Dwelling on 27th, between Marshall and Clay streets, Church Hill, at present occupied by Mr. John T. Childs. Possession given on the 1st day of January next. Rent $200 per year. Apply to
no 28—tf TOLER & COOK, Pearl st.

ROOMS FOR RENT.—A very desirable double front room, over the store of the subscribers with Gas and Water privileges.
Also, a large and desirable Single Room.
BULKLEY & CO.,
no 28 137, Main street.

FOR RENT—The Brick House, containing six rooms, on the corner of Marshall and Madison streets, at present occupied by Mr John T. Slater. Possession given immediately. Rent $120 per annum. Apply to TOLER & COOK, Agts,
no 15 Pearl st.

FOR RENT.—A house and lot of four acres, well enclosed, one mile from the Corporation, in an excellent neighborhood. Apply to WM. GOULDIN,
no 17—tf Governor Street.

FOR RENT—The large Brick House on north corner of Marshall and 6th sts., and at present occupied by Messrs. Bragg and Ruth. Possession given 1st January next. Rent $450. Apply to
TOLER & COOK, Agents,
no 11 Pearl St.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Great prosperity continues to attend the business of this company. The last quarter's report of its transactions has just come to hand.
During the 3 months up to the 1st inst., 121 new Policies have been issued, the premiums on which, including premiums on all renewals, amount to $82,449 26
Losses paid during the same time on 12 Policies, amount to 23,970 14
Leaves this sum added to previous assets.. $59,479 12
Total amount of the present accumulated assets is $756,175 07
For Insurance, call at the Baptist Book Depository, No. 263 Main street.
oc 17 CHAS. WORTHAM, Agent.

A CARD.—WILLIAM H. GRAVES & CO., COLLECTORS AND NEGOTIATORS, WALL STREET, over the office of Messrs. Pullium & Davis, Auctioneers, near the City Hotel, collect, bond, and secure Claims of every description, and negotiate Sales, Purchases, Loans, Rents, Hires, Employment, in every branch of business, and all other Business Transactions requiring the mediation of a third party.
They tender their best services to the community *at reduced charges.*
All their acts will be held *strictly confidential.*
Persons desiring employment, and those wishing to employ others, are requested to call and leave their names.
☞ Wanted, every day of the year, Employers and Employees in all branches of business.
☞ *Employers are not charged in any case.*

FIRE, LIFE AND MARINE INSURANCE.—The Richmond Fire Association are now prepared to issue policies of Insurance on the above description of risks on as reasonable terms as any similar company, and respectfully ask a share of the patronage of the public. Applications will be received at the office, No. 223, corner of Main and 9th streets, where the officers will cheerfully furnish all information that may be required. All losses promptly and liberally adjusted.
JAMES BOSHER, President.
JOHN H. BOSHER, Secretary. mh 17

GOOD NEWS.—Just received, a second supply of very cheap BLANKETS, LINSEYS, heavy woolen SATINETS, square and long SHAWLS, FLANNELS of all colors, French and English MERINOS, ALPACA and black Canton CLOTH, BOMBAZINE, plain and brocade SILKS, MOUSELINES and CALICOES at all prices, and the best assortment of embroidered L. C. HDKFS., SLEEVES, CHEMISETTES, cambric and muslin BANDS, lace, muslin, cambric, Crosha and Hornaton COLLARS; also, a superior article of lambs' wool, cashmere and silk HOSE; besides a great variety of Fancy Articles, such as BRACELETS, PORTE MONAIES, India Rubber COMBS, WORK BOXES, &c.
Strangers visiting the city and the public generally will find it to their interest to give me a call, as my motto is, "small profits and quick sales."
se 12—3m H. ROSENFELD, 175 Broad st.

SELLING OFF AT GOLDSMITH'S CHEAP STORE, No. 41 Main st.—A GREAT REDUCTION IN GOODS.—I will offer my stock of Goods at very reduced prices, viz:
Ginghams, 10 cents; Napkins, 6¼ cents; Towellings, 10 cents; Delains, Plaids, Hosiery and Flannels, 22 cents; Irish Linens, 25 cents; Merinoes and Mourning Calicoes, 6¼ cents; Comforts, Fringes, Swiss and Cambric Edgings and Insertings, Collars, Bands, Curtain Muslins, Cloths for Sacks, Blankets, Lindseys, Brown and Bleached Cottons, Shawls at any price, Tickings, Colored Satins, Piano and Table Covers, Canton Flannels—and a large assortment of various other Goods, at extremely low prices. no 22

LAND FOR SALE—We are authorised to sell a Tract of Land, containing 140 acres, lying in Chesterfield county, about three miles from Mayo's bridge, on the Turnpike leading from Manchester to the Coal Pits, and bounded by the lands of Russell Dickerson, Mr. Shooter, Thomas Hartgrove, Mrs. Fisher and the waters of Reedy Creek. Between 90 and 100 acres of this land is in wood, the balance in a high state of improvement. Terms cash.
TOLER & COOK.

N. W. NELSON, Merchant Tailor, and a Dealer in Fashionable Ready-Made CLOTHING, 135 Broad Street, Richmond, keeps constantly on hand and for sale, a full assortment of GENTLEMEN'S READY-MADE CLOTHING of every description. Also, a beautiful assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings, which will be made up to order on the shortest notice and on the most accommodating terms, and in a manner which cannot be surpassed by any other establishment in the city. Citizens and strangers are respectfully invited to call, as I feel confident that I can give the most perfect satisfaction.
All kinds of Cutting done and warranted to fit.
FURNISHING ARTICLES, of all kinds, for sale at a reduced price. oc 5—3m

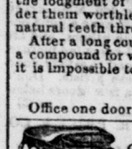
THE subscriber has just received from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, the best CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and VESTINGS to be found in those markets, which he will make up on reasonable terms and in the most fashionable style.—He begs a share of public patronage. Examine for yourself.
READY MADE CLOTHING of every quality, Richmond manufacture, as cheap as at any other house in the city.
Gentlemen's FURNISHING GOODS in great variety.
se 13 W. H. BENSON, 110 Main st.

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY—One that has long been sought after, viz: a CHEMICAL LIQUID SOLDER, for mending broken china, glass or earthenware of every description. This invaluable cement (specimens of its skill may be seen at our store) should be in possession of every housekeeper. The directions on each phial are simple, and when correctly followed, the performer never fails in restoring the article to be joined to its wonted strength. For sale by
R. R. DUVAL & BRO., Druggists'
oc 15 199 Bank Square.

DENTISTRY.

WHITE TEETH, HEALTHY GUMS, AND A SWEET BREATH.—All these benefits are derived from the use of Zerman's Delightful Tooth Wash. It is used and recommended by the most eminent dentists in the country. It will cleanse and preserve teeth from decay; it will cure all diseases of the gums and impart a healthy and fragrant odor to the breath. Prepared only by Francis Zerman, Druggist, Philadelphia. For sale wholesale or retail by R. R. DUVAL & BRO, Richmond, and all Druggists, at only 25 cents per bottle.
oc 29—3m*

GRANULATED GUM.—This beautiful article, used for securing artificial teeth on their plates, surpasses every attempt at imitating the natural gum, with somewhat similar preparations; whilst its strength is so great that I have yet to hear of the first set of teeth in which it has been broken, by accident or by use.
My Gold and Silver Fillings are much admired for their smoothness. This evenness of surface prevents the lodgment of food about them, which would render them worthless; besides, my plugs will retain the natural teeth through life, as they never come out.
After a long course of experiments, I have secured a compound for weak teeth, that can be used when it is impossible to use any kind of metal.
R. D. ADDINGTON,
Graduate Dentist.
Office one door from 10th, on Main st. no 7



ARTIFICIAL TEETH—GREAT AND IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT.—The undersigned have purchased the right to use DR. ALLEN'S PATENT IMPROVEMENT in the mode of inserting ARTIFICIAL TEETH, which is one of the greatest and most important inventions ever made in this branch of the Dentist's art.
The improvement consists in the employment of a metal superior to gold in purity, and in the complete union of all the teeth by a silicious compound, which at the same time forms the most beautiful and natural looking gum, and filling up all crevices and irregularities, and rendering it impossible for the teeth to become unpleasant to the wearer by the accumulation of particles of food or other substances between them. No other mode of mounting artificial teeth is comparable to this in any respect.
Persons wearing teeth (inserted in the ordinary way, and not giving satisfaction,) are invited to try this invention, which they can do at but little additional cost.
We shall be pleased to show specimens of this kind of work to any persons who will call at our office, whether they want artificial teeth or not.
WAYT & MAHONY, Dentists,
my 17—d&wts Office, 209 Main street.

DAGUERREOTYPING.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—MURRAY'S DAGUERREOTYPES.—The public has decided that the FLESH TINT DAGUERREOTYPES taken by the subscriber, are the most beautiful and correct of any "in the universal world."—Combining every essential requisite—feature, expression, color—they cannot be otherwise than a perfect fac simile of nature. The citizens of Richmond and vicinity are respectfully informed that they can obtain pictures at all times at the well arranged and attractive Gallery of JOHN MURRAY,
Eagle Square, Main street, sign of the Red Flag.
N. B.—Prices very reasonable. Stereoscopic Pictures taken in a style which cannot be exceeded.
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DON'T BE HUMBUGGED.—MR. OSBORNE would inform the good people of Richmond that he is still to be found at his old established gallery, opposite the Banks. Mr. O. has not taken one thousand pictures in two months, *but he has* done a fine business for twenty-two months.
OSBORNE claims to be the first in Richmond to give to Daguereotypes a life-like flesh-colored appearance.
STOCK! STOCK!! STOCK!!!—OSBORNE is prepared to furnish country artists with CAMERAS, TOOLS, CHEMICALS, and STOCK, wholesale or retail. OSBORNE,
oc 21 Sign of the Flags of all Nations

PRATT'S VIRGINIA SKY-LIGHT GALLERY, *Established* 1846, *No.* 145 *Main st., at the Gothic Window.*—Our great success during the last seven years, during which we have taken OVER THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND PORTRAITS, is the best proof we can offer of the goodness and permanence of our Pictures, and obviates the necessity of puffing *ourselves* into notice. All we ask is to give us a call and you can obtain every variety of Picture at reasonable prices, with all the latest improvements.

DAGUERREOTYPES.—A truthful, life like, finely finished portrait or miniature of a relative or friend, severed from us by distance or death who would not prize and desire to possess? A clear, rich toned, durable Daguerreotype is an object rarely seen. But MOULSON'S Pictures withstand the test of time, and are pronounced by the highest authority, unsurpassed on either side the Atlantic.
Our price for one of these fine Portraits is only ONE DOLLAR complete, and warranted to please or no sale.
Strangers and citizens are cordially invited to call and examine specimens.
Observe the name and number—MOULSON'S Sky and Side Light Daguerrean Gallery, 110 Main street.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—COVINGTON AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Proposals will be received at the Office of the Covington and Ohio Railroad, in Covington, until the 15th of December next, for the graduation and masonry of about seventy-five miles of the above road; of which, the eastern portion, comprising fifty miles, lies next west of Covington; and the western portion, consisting of about twenty-five miles, lies between the Kanawha River and the mouth of the Big Sandy. A large share of the work to be let—including bridging and tunnelling—is heavy and desirable, and is well worthy the attention of responsible contractors. The western sections of the above work are now ready for examination, and the eastern portion will be prepared for inspection by the 8th of December.
Further information may be obtained on application at the company's offices at Covington and Guyandotte. By order of the Board,
CHARLES B. FISK, Chief Engineer.
N. B.—The Board of Public Works of Virginia, under whose direction the Covington and Ohio Railroad is to be constructed, on State account, will meet at Covington on the 15th of December, above named, for the purpose of receiving and acting on the proposals that may then be offered.
Nov. 19, 1853. no 19 t15dec

GENERAL AGENCY FOR THE HIRING OF NEGROES, COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AND THE SELLING OF PRODUCE.—The subscriber has taken an office on Governor st., two doors from the corner of that and Main, opposite the Dispatch office, where he will be found ready to serve any and all who may entrust their business with him; in the discharge of which he promises the most faithful attention and refers to the gentlemen whose names are subscribed below.
JAMES D. ELLETT.
REFERENCES—Judge John A. Meredith, Judge Wm. W. Crump, James Lyons, Esq., Messrs. Goddin & Apperson. Herbert A. Claiborne, Esq., Messrs. Dudley & Johnson, Messrs. N. B. & C. B. Hill, and Messrs R. H. Dickinson & Brother. oc 24—dts

BOTANIC PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. DOCTOR E. D. ROBINSON continues to offer his services to the afflicted, and especially those suffering with chronic and supposed incurable forms of disease. The Dr. has been engaged in the practice of medicine twenty years—the last twelve in this city, and therefore can give satisfactory reference. Thousands who are dragging out a miserable existence with Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Bronchitis, Fluor Albus, Dropsy, Neuralgia, Paralysis, Scrofula, Liver Complaint, Disease, of the Lungs, Fistula, &c, might be speedily relieved and many permanently cured.—Persons at a distance would do well to come to the city and remain until their health is restored. Extracting Teeth only 25 cents.
Office on Franklin, between 13th and 14th streets. Secret forms of disease treated with great success.
oc 31—1y

SAW MANUFACTORY, 10th Street, between Main and Cary streets, Richmond, Va. TOLAND & BURGER, *Practical Saw Manufacturers*, are now prepared to manufacture SAWS of every description.
All SAWS manufactured by us are warranted to give satisfaction—if not, they will be exchanged, or the money refunded.
SAWS that have been heated or sprung by running, repaired and warranted to be as good as new.
Repairing of all kinds done at the shortest notice.
no 2—1m*

ROBERT McNAMEE, SURGICAL & DENTAL INSTRUMENT MAKER, *Main street*, opposite the Banks, manufactures and keeps on hand, every description of Surgical and Dental Instruments, viz: Amputating, Trepanning, Midwifery, Pocket Instruments, in cases; Eye Cases, Spring Lancets, Extracting and Dissecting Instruments, &c &c.
Old Instruments of every kind repaired and put in order. no 12—1m

PREMIUM APPLES.—20 barrels of Apples, raised by Major J. Marshall McCue, of Augusta, the same kind that obtained the highest premium at the fair. For sale by
no 28 J. J. FRY

100 BBLS. NO. 3 MACKEREL.—In store, for sale by
no 29 WILLIAMS & BROTHER.

78 BAGS LAGUAYRA COFFEE—Receiving, for sale by
no 29 BACON & BASKERVILL.

COAL PIT OIL; Sperm do; Packing Yarn; Lampwick; Bacon Sides; Herrings, &c., &c. For sale by
no 29 ELAM, SMITH & CO.

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☞ The circulation of the Daily Dispatch exceeds considerably that of all the Daily papers of Richmond combined.

RICHMOND, VA

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1853.

RECEPTION OF JOHN MITCHEL.—On Wednesday night, the various Irish companies of New York, accompanied by several bands, proceeded to the residence of Mr. Mitchel, in Brooklyn. The soldiers formed into line, gave three times three cheers, and the bands played—after which, in response to repeated calls, Mr. Mitchel appeared and spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I see by the numbers before me, that the people of America have reversed the decision of Lord Clarendon and his packed jury of Dublin—[cheers]—and that the issue made in '48, and said to be decided, is not decided—[cheers]—and that the people of America are to decide that issue. [Great applause.] I have come here to procure a verdict from the American people on the issue made, wherein I was charged with felony, for asserting the rights of a nation of Irishmen. When, over five years ago, I received my sentence from the English Judge, who, although he had on his head a whalebone wig, and ermine on his shoulders, was not an honest man. [Laughter and applause.] He told me that the government would give me 14 years to reflect and repent on my crime. Gentlemen, I have reflected, but I have *not* repented. [Tremendous applause.] I feel that, though England has done her worst there, the spirit of liberty still lives in Ireland; and that spirit is, I see, sympathized with in America. [Cries of "it is, it is"] If I had consulted my own taste—if I wished to provide only for myself and family, and be happy, I should have remained in California, and taken up my abode on the banks of the clear streams of the Sierra Nevada, but I came here to know the decision of the American people in my cause—the cause of Ireland. You here to-night have given it to me, and my heart is filled with hope. I shall ever prove true to that cause. It cannot be brought to a successful issue by the use of nice language only—it must be attained by horse, foot and artillery—may I rely on your support? "You may, you may."—And now, gentlemen, you must excuse me from speaking at greater length at this time. I thank you—sincerely thank you. Good night.

Mr. Mitchel retired amidst a hurricane of applause, and the bands again commenced to play.

Messrs. Smyth and Meagher afterwards made speeches. At the close of Mr. M.'s remarks, he said:

Gentlemen, I can clasp to my heart those bayonets, and pledge myself, in life and in death, to support the colors which I now see before me.

A Voice—Where was that sword?

Mr. Meagher—Some one asks where was that sword? I answer, the sword was here, [placing his hand on his side,] ready to lead, if the bayonets followed.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Yesterday's *Enquirer* gives extracts to show that the malcontents of New York are resolved on the destruction of the Administration.

The *Whig* predicts that a vigorous effort will be made to keep the Democracy of Virginia in the ranks of the Administration. Nevertheless, it is of the opinion that there is great trepidation and alarm among the leaders; and after commenting on this subject, concludes as follows:

If she who repudiated Scott—her own son—the Hero of the nation—for fear that one Freesoiler might get office—finds it convenient to approve Pierce for surrendering the whole North to their crushing embrace, what good cause have the Dickinsons, and Bronsons, and O'Connors, and Bradys, and Wellers and Stocktons to whimper about it?—Certainly none.

The *Mail* glances at some of the most important subjects which will come before the Legislature, and concludes with the remark—

In entering upon the execution of a task involving so many and such valuable interests to the Commonwealth, our Legislators cannot fail to be duly impressed with the magnitude of their responsibilities, and the need of prompt and efficient action owing to the limited period within which all that is done must necessarily be accomplished.

We also observe in the *Mail* an editorial on "Long Speeches," which is a very proper companion-piece to its leader.

The *Examiner* advocates the annexation of the Sandwich Islands; not because this man or that man, this newspaper or that newspaper, this State of the American confederacy or that, a majority or a minority of the American voters, are in favor of or opposed to the scheme;—the only postulate required is that the Islands themselves and their government shall petition for admission in the Union. The *Examiner* then proceeds to enumerate many advantages that would arise from the securing of the Sandwich Islands, and making them commercially a part of California—politically a part of the Union. We observe in the *Examiner* several other editorials. One "comes down" upon Messrs. Cobb and Foote, and Jere. Clemens, (whom it characterizes as the 'illustrious fallen,") like "a thousand of brick."

The *Bulletin* publishes extracts from the London *Times*, on the apprentice system in Cuba, Russian designs against India, and from other leading journals on political topics, comments thereon.

FROM MEXICO.—The steamer Texas arrived at New Orleans, on the 25th ult., with later dates from Mexico, but the news is of but very little importance.

The *Evening Delta* contains a few items of intelligence which we subjoin.

Horrible accounts of the depredations of the Indians in the frontier States reach the Capital by every mail. The savages are apparently carrying on a most sanguinary war of extermination against the unfortunate inhabitants in the north of Mexico, and the General Government, it seems, is unable to render them any assistance.

The "Omnibus," of Mexico, a semi-official organ, states, "upon the best authority," that Queen Isabella of Spain, will shortly confer upon Santa Anna the Cross of the Order of the "Golden Fleece"—a distinct on, observes the "Omnibus," which, with two or three exceptions, has been bestowed on persons of royal blood or authority.

SETTLEMENT OF A LEGAL QUESTION.—A late Oregon paper says:

"A case came up lately in the District Court of Clatsop county, in which Judge Olmey decided that the purchase of (according to Indian custom) and cohabitation with an Indian woman, the parties having formed a union for life in good faith, was a legal marriage without a ceremony. The case was, that the children of Calvin Tibbits claimed to be his heirs, but other relatives contested the claim on the ground that they were illegitimate.—The evidence was, that Tibbits, at an early day, took to wife a native woman, Louisa, in the customary mode, that is, by purchase from her friends, and settled with her on a claim upon the Clatsop Plains, where they kept house and carried on a farm, and accumulated property, living and cohabiting together in all respects as a married couple, and were visited, associated with, and spoken of, and treated as such by their friends and neighbors, until his death, which was soon followed by her death, leaving the two children who were the plaintiffs in this suit."

On Tuesday last, as we learn from the Farmville *Journal*, the mails and passengers were carried on the Southside Railroad as far as the bridge at that place—a temporary arrangement having been made for their conveyance across the river at High Bridge.

A track of land containing not quite six acres, belonging to Capt. T. W. Savage, near Charlottesville, was sold on Saturday last for $635. Ten years ago it was purchased for $30 per acre.

APPEAL.—Bushrod Harris, recently convicted in Person Co., N. C., of the murder of Winfree, has taken an appeal. The Milton *Democrat* learns that Harris professes to have made his peace with the Savior of mankind.

CALIFORNIA ITEMS.—Among the items of news from the interior of California, we find the following:

"A man has been hung by lynch law in El Dorado county. A shooting affair took place between a woman and a man in the same county, in which both were wounded—the former receiving three balls, and the latter (as is supposed) a fatal wound. In San Louis Obispo the jail was entered by an infuriated mob, and another hardened criminal hung by them to the joist of the prison. A riot occurred in El Dorado county, in which some thirty-five or forty men were engaged; pistols, knives, clubs, rocks and other missiles were freely used, and one of the parties was dangerously wounded. In Tulumne county, a desperate fight took place between some Mexicans and Chilenos, at a fandango house, in which several were wounded and one Chileno killed. In Calaveras county, a fight occurred between a Chileno and an Italian, in which the former was killed. In Marysville a Mexican woman was killed by a Chilean woman. A man was hung in effigy in Sacramento, for attempting a rape upon a little girl. In a fracas between Boker and Delany, in Auburn, one was shot through the arm, and the other stabbed several times. Wm. Bayley was killed at Moquolumne Hill, by the accidental discharge of his gun. Several inquests have been held in San Francisco.

FIRE.—The barn of Mrs. Margaret Rogers, near Keswick Depot, Albemarle county, was destroyed by fire on Monday last, together with the crops of oats, corn, &c. Probably the work of an incendiary.

The *Jeffersonian*, from which we extract the above, also has the following:

On Sunday morning last, between 8 and 9 o'clock, a fire broke out in the store of Mr. Wm. G. Garner, Merchant Tailor, in the vicinity of the University, which was destroyed, as well as the Restaurant of Mr. George Moose, and the boot and shoe establishment of Messrs. Sutler & Co. At one time the conflagration threatened to be very extensive. Messrs. Jones & Snead's book store was saved by cutting away a small wooden building adjoining the store. A portion of the wood part of Mr. Eger's house was also cut away to save the brick house. The loss of Mr. Moose, we have understood, was several thousand dollars, all his buildings having been destroyed; he had an insurance on his property amounting to $2,200."

FROM HAVANA.—The steamship Falcon, from Havana for New York, put into Charleston last Tuesday for fuel. The *Courier* says:

"We learn from the passengers, that nothing new had transpired politically or otherwise, since the departure of the *Isabel* on the 22d inst., with the exception of a horrible murder perpetrated on an actress of some note, at the Tacon Theatre, on the 22d inst., by her husband, who suspected her of infidelity. We learn that he inflicted fifteen wounds on his unfortunate victim, and then stabbed himself in twenty-one places, causing his death. The affair, we understand, created considerable excitement in Havana."

GERMAN EXILES IN TURKEY.—A Vienna letter, in a recent number of the London Times, has the following item:

"A sloop belonging to the United States, which arrived at Constantinople on the 4th, had many German refugees on board, who had come to offer their services to the Porte."

Great excitement exists at Pond Brook, near Binghampton, N. Y., in consequence of the sudden disappearance of Miss Charlotte Cole and her illegitimate child. She had been seduced under a promise of marriage, and her seducer had just married another. It is feared that she has destroyed herself and child.

VANDALISM.—The Erie (Pa.) *Observer* says:

"We are compelled to record a piece of vandalism that ought to damn to eternal infamy its perpetrators. On Thursday morning, the "Old Block House," situated on the eminence commanding the mouth of our Bay, was set on fire and burnt.—This was the last relic of the war of 1812 at this point, and its destruction is a piece of wanton vandalism, that should subject the perpetrator to the severest punishment."

The last dog story is from Fayetteville, Arkansas, where a farmer's dog has been detected in going to the ho[illegible] at night and biting one of the hogs till he g[illegible] up, [illegible] when "Archy" lies down in the warm plac[illegible] goes to sleep.—*Boston Post.*

MASON[illegible].—We learn from the Portsmouth *Globe* that Jeru[illegible]em Encampment of the ancient order of Free Masons was installed in Suffolk on the 29th of November.

A lot of Virginia hogs arrived in Farmville on Tuesday last, which the owner disposed of at $6.50.

No licenses have been granted in Raleigh during the present year for the retail of intoxicating drinks.

An unusual revival of religion is in progress among the Baptists of Shenandoah. Thirty-two persons were baptised last Sunday.

A telegraph office has been established in Charlestown, Va.

Mr. James Griggs, a highly respected citizen of Jefferson county, died last week.

The Irish laborers at the tunnel, who struck for an advance of wages, have all returned to their work.

LOCAL MATTERS.

DECREE IN THE RAILROAD CASE.—The following is the Decree of the Court in the case of the Fredericksburg Road against the Central Road. This Decree is based upon the opinion pronounced by Judge MEREDITH some time since and published by us:

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail road company, *Plffs.*
AGAINST
The Virginia Central Railroad company, *Defts.*

The court being of opinion that the account and injunction prayed for by the complainants cannot be granted in the present condition of the proofs in the cause, and being further of opinion that an inquiry should be directed in order to enable the Court to act understandingly, and to grant the necessary relief if the information shall justify it, doth adjudge, order and decree that one of the Commissioners of this Court do proceed to enquire and ascertain what number of persons, residing in the neighborhood of the Junction, if any, would seek the road of the complainants as a means of traveling to and from the city of Richmond, if the road of the respondents had not been constructed; within what distance of the Junction such persons reside; what portions of such persons, if any have, since the completion of the road of the respondents, sought it as a means of traveling, to and from the said city; what injury the complainants have sustained by reason of the diversion of such travel from their road; what injury in future they are likely to sustain by reason of such diversion; what would be a reasonable and proper compensation to be paid by the respondents to the complainants for the privilege of sharing with them the right to transport such persons to and from the said city, and whether the complainants are willing to accept and respondents to pay such compensation. All which matters of enquiry the said Commissioner is directed to make and report to the Court, with any matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself, or which he may be required by any of the parties so to state.

A copy—Teste,
(Signed) EUS. ROBINSON, Clerk.

THE ATHENÆUM.—The second lecture of the course was delivered at the Athenæum on Thursday night by Rev. Mr. MOORE. His subject was "The conservative elements of our American civilization." We are not able to give such a sketch of the lecture as would do it justice, and shall therefore content ourselves with stating that it pointed out in the first place, in a most powerful and manly manner, the materializing tendencies of our times, and, with great eloquence and ability depicted the conservative elements to be found in popular education, and the purification of the popular heart by the influence of Christianity. The lecture abounded in evidence of profound thinking, and elegant scholarship; the style was terse and vigorous; the illustrations natural, beautiful and apposite, and the matter, as well as the manner of the speaker, was pervaded by a tone of genuine sincerity and eloquence, which rivetted every thought and word upon the heart as well as mind of the audience. In the combination of reason, argument, scholarship and eloquence, we have rarely heard the equal of Mr. Moore. Would that the mighty truths and profound thoughts of his lecture on Thursday night could be spread before the eyes and sink into the hearts of the whole American people.

THE FIREMEN will remember that the Quarterly meeting for remission of fines, will be held this evening. See notice.

WIFE WHIPPING AND VAGABONDISM.—Edward Meeks was yesterday sent to jail for twelve months, in default of $300 bail for good behavior. He was arraigned on the charge of vagabondism and cruel and brutal treatment of his wife. The testimony showed that the wife was a most industrious, well-behaved and honest woman, who, assisted by a little daughter and son, contrived to support herself and them. The husband had been frequently sent to jail for his vagabondism and cruelties to his wife. Thursday night, being set at liberty, he repaired to his home, where he found his wife sick, and he immediately re-commenced his brutalities by beating her and his little daughter. The little son, who works at a cotton factory, hearing that his father had returned, remained away from a home made wretched by the presence of the man who should have been the protector and supporter of its inmates. The testimony proved that the conduct of Meeks was extremely brutal, and it is a pity that the laws did not provide a more severe punishment for him than that gentle one imposed by the Mayor, in default of the $300 bail.

AN INQUISITIVE MIND.—Yesterday, Mr. Franklin Riley was arraigned before the Mayor on the charge of extinguishing the light of one of the public lamps. He confessed the charge, but disclaimed any mischievous purpose. Having a propensity for the investigation of mechanical science, it appears that Mr. R ascended the lamp post to see the *modus operandi* of the production of gas light; being up there as he says he unfortunately touched "a little piece of iron," and to his surprise out went the light! The Mayor, thinking that scientific inquiry is pushed too far when it puts out the light, determined to fine Mr. R. $5, which he paid, and so the matter was settled.

THEATRE.—MRS. HOWARD COMING.—We are glad to learn that Mrs. CHARLES HOWARD will appear in our Theatre Monday night—the first of a short engagement which she has made with the manager. She is a great favorite with the play-goers of this city, and she will no doubt be welcomed by an overflowing house. She is one of the most spirited and pleasing actresses of the day, and for her stature has more animation and histrionic genius than any actress we know. We shall be truly gratified to behold her bright and gay face again.

It is due to Mr. GRIFFITHS, whose benefit was to come off next week, to state that he consented to postpone it to give place to Mrs. HOWARD'S engagement.

MORE WIFE-WHIPPING.—Robert Boyle, baker and confectioner, between 23d and 24th streets, was yesterday brought before the Mayor on the charge of whipping his wife without provocation. The charge was clearly proved, and in default of bail Mr. Boyle was sent to jail to keep company with Mr. Meeks, where both these *meek* husbands may calmly contemplate the happiness and joys of temperance and conjugal affection.

THE BUNYAN TABLEAUX, at Odd-Fellows' Hall, attracts much attention. The subject of this work of art, so familiar to every one, must inevitably possess much interest. Even the child who has perused, with delight, the pages of Pilgrim's Progress, (and what child has not?) will find in this picture much to admire and reflect upon. We are quite sure that all who see it, old as well as young, will be delighted.

It is stated that an exhibition will be given this afternoon. All the little folks should attend.

THEATRE.—The play of the "Willow Copse" will be presented again at the Theatre tonight. It would be almost useless for us to say to our readers that it is a play of extraordinary merit; but we will advise those who have not seen it, to improve this last opportunity. Mr. Couldock, in Luke Fielding, is *great.* He rivets the attention of the audience to that extent that a pin might be heard to drop on the floor of the house.

FIRE.—Last night, about half past six o'clock, a small smoke house in rear of A. Pizzini's, on Broad street, owned by Mr. James Lyons, was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was soon given, and in a few minutes thereafter the firemen arrived with their apparatus, and extinguished the flames. Loss small.

ALMOST A FATAL ACCIDENT.—Last night Mr. W Scott, son of our respected townsman, R. G. Scott, Esq., came very near losing his life by a singular accident. Being in Mr. J. B. Breckenridge's room, on 13th street, and feeling thirsty, he picked up a pitcher and drank a large quantity of what he supposed to be water, but which proved to be a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acid. As soon as the draught was swallowed, the mistake was discovered, and a physician sent for, who administered the necessary antidote, and the patient was thought to be out of danger at 8 o'clock. The mixture alluded to was prepared by Mr. B. for scientific experiments with the galvanic battery.

☞ MESSRS. EDITORS—If Mr. "Francis J Smith, Acting Ticket Agent," who, in a card in your paper of yesterday, seems to be in wrath with me, intimating that *I was not born South*, will again read the publication which he has assumed as personal towards himself, he will not find his name mentioned, and his Agency only referred to as necessary to a complaint I was making *against a Company.* Having thus, as I hope, relieved myself from his displeasure, he will excuse me for not answering his argument in behalf of the Company.
de 3—1t CHARLES DIMMOCK.

THE subscriber having just returned from N. York with a splendid assortment of GOODS, selected by himself from the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, respectfully ask of his friends and the public generally to call and examine his stock, amongst which may be found all qualities and colors of French, English and American CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and VESTINGS, such as—
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Plush palm do
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We have also in store a full assortment of Domestic GOODS, the whole comprising the most extensive and splendid stock of DRY GOODS ever exhibited in Virginia. We have also a complete stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, which is much larger than usual, and is entirely of *Richmond manufacture*, gotten up in the best manner, both as regards style and workmanship.
We respectfully solicit a call from merchants visiting this market, and have only to say that our *Goods will be sold as low* as the same Goods ever sold, in *any market in this country.*
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Heavy large size Bed Blankets
1000 Negro Blankets—all prices
2000 yards Flannels—cheapest in this city
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Splendid assortment Dress Silks—cheap
Plaid and fancy Delaines—12 cts to the finest quality
French, English and German Merinoes—37 up to $1.50
Superfine black (silk warp) Alpaca
10¼ Bleached and Brown Linen Table Damask
12¼ Linen and Cotton Sheetings
Gloves and Muffs
Wool and Silk Under Garments, for ladies and gentlemen's wear
Cloths, Cassimeres