Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY.....DECEMBER 27, 1876.

FROM WASHINGTON.

At the National Theatre, Washington, Monday afternoon, a disturbance in the gallery conveyed the idea to the audience that the house was on fire, and a great commotion ensued. The doors were thrown open and the larger portion of the audience was quickly in the street. Three or four were bruised during the panic, but none seriously hurt. The play proceeded to its conclusion as soon as the excitement was allayed. It was "The Twoorphans," Miss Kate Claxton in the leading role.

ACCIDENTS.

The very bad condition of the pavements is noticed in Washington, and several instances are mentioned of heavy falls, producing sprains, and in more than one case broken limbs. One man, who slipped and fell on the steps of a house on Monday, was literally impaled on the spikes of a fence, causing death in a few minutes.

COMMENTS AND SPECULATIONS

upon the political situation have been almost hushed to-day. No telegrams of any importance appear to have reached prominent politicians of either side. At the Executive mansion there were few visitors calling, being with one or two exceptions intimate friends of the President, whose immediate family were all with him in quiet enjoyment of the Christmas festivities.—*Special to Baltimore American.*

THE TREASURY ROBBERY.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—There was a conference at the Treasury Department today between the Secretary, Treasurer Wyman, and Assistant Treasurer Gilfillan, upon the subject of the lately-reported discovery that an amount of money had been abstracted from a package sent from the Treasury to the Illinois National Bank at Chicago. The Treasury officials decline to give any information as to the course that is being pursued in the investigation of the reported loss, and Secretary Morrill says that it might be an act of gross injustice to mention where suspicion rests until it is clearly ascertained at what point the theft occurred.

The Department also declines to give the amount of loss, or, in fact, any details concerning it, considering that the better course in the interests of justice and for the recovery of the stolen funds is that nothing should be made public as to the case before it. Very few of the clerks in the cash-room seem to be aware that another disagreeable episode should have appeared, and the occurrence is exceedingly painful to gentlemen in that bureau, all of whom were subject to more or less mortification and espionage during the recent investigation of the Halleck robbery. It is asserted that with the present system of checks and the safeguards recently inaugurated in the cash-room that it is almost impossible that a theft of this kind could happen. The amount of loss is variously stated from eight to twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Washburne, ex-Chief of the Government Secret Service, has been here for several days in the interest of the Illinois National Bank endeavoring to trace the money.

THE PATENT-OFFICE STARTLED.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—The Patent-Office just now is in a great state of excitement. According to current report there were recently discovered on the rolls of that bureau the names of a number of persons, mostly women, paid from the contingent fund, who either performed no service or drew their salary under assumed names.

The result of this discovery very naturally caused great excitement in the office, and Commissioner Duell was called upon to give an explanation. It is understood that he disclaimed all knowledge in regard to the matter, and held his appointment-clerk, Mr. J. R. Nottingham, responsible for it. Nottingham has been dismissed from the Department, but it is believed that the investigation will not stop here. A single instance is given in which $85 a month has been paid to a draughtswoman who sub-let the work for $30 a month.

A BILIOUS HERO.

General Anderson, of the famous—or, more properly speaking, infamous—Returning Board of Louisiana, comes to Washington to give an account of his stewardship to the President, Secretary Chandler, and the other Radical leaders here. Anderson has done good work for his party, and he ought to be rewarded. If Chandler can reward him he will, but President Grant, in view of his projected sea-voyage, is afraid just now to take any more Louisiana bile on his stomach.—*Special to Baltimore Sun.*

THE TREASURY ROBBERY.

It is learned that the Treasury officials have become satisfied that the recent robbery of $10,000 was perpetrated after the package had left the Treasury. If this is the case, it is held, the Adams Express Company is liable for the loss. The company understand this, and they have now at work active detectives in the hope of discovering the guilty party.—*Ib.*

BAD NEWS.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—There is a fear that the hopes which have been entertained of some good and practical result accruing from the visit of the investigating committees South may not be realized. Private information was received here to-day from all of the centres where these committees are at work. It does not seem as if the Senate committees are directing their attention to the purpose of obtaining impartially the real facts surrounding the elections, and the subsequent counting of the vote. To the contrary, the effort is to collect stories of outrage and intimidation with which to garnish the reports of the committees. It may be expected that the reports made by the Senate committees will be principally occupied with this kind of matter, while the real points at issue will be skilfully evaded or touched upon in the most cursory manner.

The attempts of the Democratic members of the committees to widen the scope of investigation so as to take in all the facts for which the committees were nominally appointed to seek are constantly thwarted. The Republicans on the House committees, with one or two honorable exceptions, pursue the same tactics as their party associates on the Senate committees, but being in the minority their power for evil is, of course, much less. The Republican members of both the Senate and House committees show very plainly that they do not want to discover anything which will weaken the unlawful hold of Hayes upon the disputed States. When the committees come back here the probable result will be majority and minority reports from every one of them, and if this expectation turns out correct the present muddle will be no better, so far as the committees are concerned.—*Ib.*

The rain which prevailed in Great Britain during last week does not appear, according to the *Mark-Lane Express*, to have affected the wheat crops, which are reported not only not to have suffered, but to be thriving. There has been some disposition towards lower prices, but, with continued light arrivals, at the close the demand became more active, millers being the principal buyers, indicating a complete recovery of the depression. The suspense about political questions still seems to give sellers confidence. The favor with which corn has come to be regarded in Continental markets is unabated, and prices are again better.

A cousin of Eugene Sue recently shot himself in a cemetery in France. He held a position of pecuniary trust, and was laboring under a delusion that he had misappropriated moneys, and was to be prosecuted. An examination of his accounts showed them correct to the last sou.

A train on the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis railroad ran off the track Monday morning. One passenger-car was turned completely over, injuring some of the occupants—about twenty—but none fatally.

A Half-Hard- and Half-Soft-Shell Baptist Tells what he Thinks of the Presbyterians.

A lady correspondent of an exchange gives a sketch of a sermon she heard in Georgia, from which we give an extract:

The preacher was apparently about fifty years of age, muscular and well-proportioned. On entering the pulpit he took off his coat and hung it on a nail behind him, then opened his collar and wristbands, and wiped the perspiration from his face, neck, and hands. He was clad in striped-cotton homespun, and his shirt was of the same material. He had travelled several miles that morning, and seemed almost overcome by the heat. But the brethren sung a couple of hymns while he cooled off, and when he rose he looked comfortable and good-natured.

He had preached there once or twice before, but to most of the audience he was a stranger. Hence he thought it necessary to introduce himself as "Old Club Ax Davis, from Scriven county, a Half Hard- and Half Soft-Shell Baptist."

"I have given myself that name," said he, "because I believe the Lord elected me, from all eternity, to go ahead in the backwoods and grub out the path and blaze the way for other men to follow. After the thickest of it is cut away a good, warm Methodist brother will come along and take my trail, and make things smoother and a good deal noisier. And after all the underbrush is cleared out, and the owls and wolves are skeered back, and rattlesnakes is killed off, a Presbyterian brother, in black broadcloth and white cravat, will came along and cry for decency and order. And they'll both do good in their spere. I don't despise a larnt man, even when he don't dress and think as I do. You couldn't pay me enough to wear broadcloth, summer nor winter, and you couldn't pay a Presbyterian brother enough to go without it in dog-days.

"God didn't make us all alike, my brethring; but every man has his own spere. When God has a place to fill he makes a man and puts him in it. When he wanted General Jackson, he made him, and set him to fightin' Injuns and the English; When he wanted George Whitefield, he made him for to blow the gospel trumpet as no other man ever blowed it; and when he wanted Old Club Ax Davis, he made him, and sent him to grubbin' in the backwoods.

"But my shell isn't so hard but I can see good pints in everybody; and as for the Presbyterians, they are a long way ahead of us Baptists and Methodists in some things. They raise their children better than any people on the face of the earth. Only a few days ago a Methodist class-leader said to me: 'Brother Club Ax, I was born a Methodist, I was raised a Methodist, and by the grace of God I hope to die a Methodist; but, thank God, I've got a Presbyterian wife to raise my children.' And I believe, my brethering, if the Lord should open a way for me to marry agin I'd try my best to find a Presbyterian woman, and run my chances of breakin' her into the saving doctrines of feet-washin' and immersion afterwards."

Just at this point he was interrupted by two spotted hounds that had been continually running up and down the pulpit stairs. One of them jumped upon the seat and begun to gnaw his coat-tail, in which was something he had brought along for lunch. He turned slowly around, and took him by the ears and tail and threw him out of the window behind him as easy as if he had been a young kitten. The other took warning and got out as rapidly as possible, though not without howling and yelping as if it had been killed. He then turned to the audience, and said, smilingly: "St. Paul exhorted the brethring to 'Beware of dogs.' I wonder what he would do if he were in my place this morning. It appears like I am compassed about with dogs, as David says he was."

He had scarcely commenced preaching again before there was a terrible squealing and kicking among the mules and horses that were tied to the trees close by. He put his head out of the window and said: "No harm done, my brethering. Just a cretur with a side-saddle on has broke loose. Will some brother head the animal? for no sister can walk home this hot day."

Quiet being restored he continued:

"Well, my brethering, I will now try to say what I allowed to about the Presbyterians.

"As I said before, they raise their children a heap better than we do. They behave better in church, and keep Sunday better, and read the Bible and larn the Catechism better than ours do. I declare, my brethering, their children are larnt that Westminster Catechism by the time they can begin to talk plain.

"It ain't three weeks since I was out a cattle-huntin', for two of my yearlings had strayed off, and I stopped in at old Brother Harkey's, on Mill creek, and took dinner. He's a deacon in the Presbyterian church over thar. Well, as true as I stand here, my brethring, Sister Harkey had her little gal astandin' right before her, with toes just even with the crack o' the floor, and her hands wer hangin' down by her side, and her mouth turned up like a chicken when it drinks, and she was aputtin' this question to her out o' that Catechism:

"What are the benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?"

"Now, the question itself was enough to break the child down; but when she had to begin and say that question all over (for that's the way it was in the book), and then hitch the answer to it, which all together made this: 'The benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are peace of conscience, joy of the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverence therein to the end'—I thought the child was the greatest wonder I'd ever seen in all my life. She tuck it through, too, without balkin' or missin' the first word. And she spoke so sweet, and she looked so much like a little angel, that before I knowed it the tears were a runnin' down my cheeks as big as buck-shot. I've seen the day when I could have mauled and split a thousan' rails quicker and easier than I could have larnt that thing and said it off like she did.

"Now, my brethering, that child didn't understand or know the meanin' of one word o' that. It put me up to all I knew to take it in myself. But jest let that Presbyterian grow up, and every word of that catechism will come back to her, and her character will stiffen up under it, and she'll have the back-bone of the matter all her life.

"Now, I can't put things into my children that way. Nothin' don't stay somehow. It's like drivin' a nail into a rotten log."

"I tell you, my brethering," he continued, "if our children had a little more catechism, and the Presbyterians a little less, it would be better for both.

"Then, we don't pray in our families like they do. I know their prayers are mighty long—they pray all over creation; but, after all, it's the right way. It's better than prayin' too little."

Now, my father and mother were good Baptists, and raised their children to be honest and industrious; but I never heard one of them pray in my life, and I was most a grown man before I ever prayed a prayer myself, and it was in this wise:

"There was a big meetin' over in Elbert county, and I know'd a pretty gal over there that I wanted to see. So I borrowed a little Jersey wagin, which was a stylish thing in them days, and went over to her house and stayed all night, and engaged her to ride to meetin' with me next day, which was Sunday.

"We went, and had a glorious time—and I might as well say right here that she was afterwards my wife—but a comin' home I met with a powerful accident that I never got over to this day. As I was comin' down a steep hill some part of the gearin' give way and let me out of the wagin on my cretur's heels; and, bein' young and skeery, and not much used to wheels, she wiggled, and kicked, and tore from one side of the road to the other, till I pitched head foremost as much as ten feet into a deep gully, and it's a miracle of mercy that my neck wasn't broke on the spot.

"Expectin' to be killed every minit, I thought I ought to ask the Lord for mercy. But as I had never prayed in all my life I couldn't think of the first thing to say, but the blessin' my father used to ask before eating, when he had company, and which was this: 'Lord, make us thankful for what we're about to receive.'

"Now, my brethering, do you 'spose any Presbyterian-raised boy was ever put to such a strait as that for a prayer? No. He would have prayed for himself, and gone off after the Jews and heathens whilst I was huntin' up and gittin' of that blessin'."

AUCTION SALES—This Day.

By E. W. Powell, Auctioneer,
1324 Main street.

DRY GOODS, FURS, HATS, TOYS, &c., AT AUCTION—THIS DAY at 10½ o'clock I will sell at my store, in lots to suit the trade, an invoice of
STAPLE DRY GOODS,
MEN'S and BOYS' HATS,
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S FURS, MUFFS, CAPES, CUFFS, BOAS, &c.
ALSO,
An assortment of TOYS suitable for Christmas presents.
E. W. POWELL, Auctioneer.
de 27-1t

By E. B. Cook, Auctioneer,
No. 10 Governor street.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF TWENTY MULES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, CORN, &c., AT AUCTION.—Having sold our farm, we will sell, on the premises known as Hunslett's Hall, four miles from Richmond, on Richmond and Henrico Turnpike road, on WEDNESDAY, December 27th instant, commencing at 12 o'clock,
20 first-class MULES and HORSES,
1 FARM-WAGON and HARNESS,
1 SPRING- or MARKET-WAGON and HARNESS,
2 CARTS and HARNESS,
50 barrels CORN,
PLOUGHS, DRAGS, and HOT-BED SASH,
1 THRESHING-MACHINE, and a great variety of other implements too numerous to mention.
The attention of parties wishing to purchase is particularly asked, as the sale is positive.
TERMS: All sums of $50 and under, cash; over $50 and under $100, sixty days; $100 and over, four months, interest added, for notes with city endorser.
STORRS & CO.
Sale conducted by E. B. COOK, Auctioneer.
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REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

FOR SALE PRIVATELY.—I have for sale a good many DWELLINGS that are rented well, and will make good investments for any person looking for safety and permanent security. Now is the time to buy, as real estate is low.
FRANK D. HILL,
Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer,
de 16-eod5t No. 1108 Main street.

WANTS.

INFORMATION WANTED.—The whereabouts and post-office address of J. S. ROBSON, lately in this city vending a book entitled "How a One-Legged Rebel Lives," is desired. The above will be thankfully received.
WESSON the Tailor,
No. 11 Twelfth street,
de 27-2t Richmond, Va.

WANTED, a faithful and skilful HOUSE-KEEPER or DOMESTIC SUPERINTENDENT, of high character, for W. F. Institute. Address, with testimonials,
WILLIAM A. HARRIS,
de 27-eod6t&w1t Staunton, Va.

WANTED, a SITUATION, by a competent BOOK-KEEPER, after the 1st of January, who is a single man, a native of Richmond, and can give satisfactory references. Address post-office box No. 241. de 27-10t

WANTED, a GOOD WOMAN to do general housework. Apply at 1438 Main street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.
de 27-1t

WANTED, a YOUNG MAN as salesman in my hardware store—one who has had some knowledge of the business. Apply to
T. J. TODD,
de 27-3t* No. 20 Broad street, near First.

WANTED, TO RENT a BENCH in the rear of my store to a gun or locksmith. It has been used as such for five years. A profitable trade is established. Rent low to a good man.
T. J. TODD,
de 27-3t* No. 20 Broad street, near First.

WANTED, A STRONG, HEALTHY, MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN, without any incumbrance, to do all work pertaining to HOUSE-KEEPING, except cooking and washing. To one willing to work a permanent and desirable home and liberal salary will be given. Address, for six days, with recommendations, which will be returned to the applicant, A. B. C., *Dispatch* office.
de 23-d3t&w1t

SUMAC AND BARK WANTED.

I will pay $1.25 per hundred for GOOD SUMAC, and $10 per cord for CHESTNUT and SPANISH OAK BARK, at the tan-yard in Manchester, or at the sumac mills, corner Seventh and Canal streets, Richmond. [de 23-2w] JOHN P. HULST.

SITUATION WANTED, AFTER 1ST OF January, by a YOUNG MAN with seven years' experience in the drug business. First-class references. Address PHARMACIST, in care of 257 Old street, Petersburg, Va. de 23-3t*

WANTED, COMFORTABLE SITUATIONS—Those by fires made of COAL, COKE, and WOOD purchased of W. S. PILCHER,
de 6 Main near Ninth—823.

NOTICE TO HORSEMEN.
HORSES WINTERED.
FINE STABLING, BOX-STALLS, EXCELLENT CARE, $10 PER MONTH.
Address T. L. CROUCH,
de 2-1m Fair-Grounds, Richmond, Va.

HIDES WANTED—DRY, GREEN, and SALTED. Also, SHEEPSKINS and TALLOW; for which the highest cash prices will be paid by O. H. CHALKLEY & CO.,
Leather-Dealers,
no 3 Thirteenth street.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT, DWELLING No. 131 west Cary street; seven rooms, with modern conveniences; a stove in the kitchen and the oil-cloth in the passage are included. Rent only $20 per month.
Also, some ROOMS on Franklin street.
WARREN & TUPPER,
Real Estate Agents,
de 21-eod3t corner Bank and Tenth streets.

FOR RENT, DWELLING No. 805 east Franklin street, ten rooms, with all modern improvements, at present occupied by Mrs. Lyons. Possession 1st January next. To a good tenant rent very low. CHARLES T. DAVIS,
no 29-W4w No. 111 north Eighth street.

LEVY'S HALL FOR RENT.—The finest and best-arranged dancing-hall in the city. Dressing- and supper-rooms convenient to the hall. Apply at our office.
LEVY BROTHERS.
Our LODGE-ROOM is for rent on TUESDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY NIGHTS.
no 30-1m

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

$5 REWARD.—Lost, on Christmas day, a GOLD CARVED BRACELET, on Tenth street between Broad and Leigh streets. The above reward will be paid if left at 506 north Tenth street.
de 27-2t

CLOTHING.

25 CASES OF FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING,
just opened, for men's, youths', and boys' wear.
PRICES ASTONISHINGLY LOW.
CASSIMERE BUSINESS SUITS from $8 up to $20,
FINE DIAGONAL PRINCE ALBERT and CUTAWAY SUITS from $15 up to $30.
BOYS' SCHOOL and DRESS SUITS from $5.50 up to $13.50.
OVERCOATS from $4 up to $30, at
JULIUS KRAKER'S New House,
1517 Main street.
Take notice of the RED POST before the door.
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JOHN LATOUCHE,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
No. 4 TENTH STREET.
Just received, a choice assortment of FOREIGN GOODS—
CHINCHILLAS, SUITING,
and TROUSERINGS.
Still making numbers of those good, substantial Cassimere Suits—well made and well trimmed—for $33.
no 17

TAXES, &c.

NOTICE TO PERSONS OWING CITY TAXES.
CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, VA., November 30, 1876.
This office will be open daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. from the 15th to the 30th day of December, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving from any person who has already paid one half of the city taxes charged to him, the remaining half, and that
TEN PER CENT.
will be added to the amount of said remaining half of the taxes charged in every case where the party assessed shall fail to pay said remaining half within the time so limited.
But in case any person having failed to pay in the month of June one half of the city taxes due from such person, shall fail to pay the whole thereof on or before the 30th day of December, there shall be added
TWENTY PER CENT.
upon the amount of the tax so remaining due.
A. R. WOODSON,
no 30-1m City Collector.

DENTISTS.

DR. GEORGE B. STEEL,
DENTIST,
No. 723 MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA.
All operations in dentistry performed in the best manner.
Teeth extracted without pain.
Twenty years' experience. no 28-eod3m

GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING MACHINES.—"THE LITTLE MONITOR," the ladies' friend, uses no shuttle, no bobbin, no rewinding of thread; makes three kinds of stitches directly from two whole spools, and has a self-regulating tension and self-setting needle.
JOHN R. CRENSHAW, Agent,
no 2-3m 733 Main street, Richmond, Va.

AUCTION SALES—Future Days.

By E. B. Cook, Auctioneer,
No. 10 Governor street.

STOCK OF FANCY GOODS, TOYS, SHOW-CASES, STORE-FIXTURES &c., AT AUCTION.—On THURSDAY the 28th instant, at 10½ o'clock, I will sell at the store of Joseph Harris, agent, 825 Broad street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, without reserve, for account of whom it may concern, the entire stock of
CHROMOS, FRAMES,
BRACKETS,
VASES, TOYS,
FANCY GOODS,
CHINA GOODS,
WILLOW-WARE,
NOTIONS, &c., &c.
ALSO
All of the
SHOW-CASES,
STORE-FIXTURES, &c.
de 27 E. B. COOK, Auctioneer.

By E. B. Cook, Auctioneer,
No. 10 Governor street.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.
By virtue of an order of the United States District Court, in the matter of D. J. McCormick, bankrupt, I shall sell at auction, for cash, at 1408 Main street, on WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M., the FURNITURE of the Central House, consisting in part of
A first-class COOKING RANGE,
35 CHAMBER SETS,
35 BEDS and BEDDING,
35 MIRRORS,
DINING-ROOM and KITCHEN FURNITURE,
BAR-FIXTURES, &c.
Parties wishing to purchase are invited to be present.
C. P. RAMSDELL,
de 27-tds United States Marshal.

By Frank D. Hill,
Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer,
1108 Main street.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST from J. H. Armstrong and Ann his wife, dated 18th of March, 1873, and recorded in the clerk's office of Richmond Chancery Court, and in execution of the decree of 28th of November, 1876, in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the cause of Armstrong's assignee *vs.* Armstrong *et als.*, the undersigned, as trustee in said deed, will on FRIDAY the 5th day of January, 1877, at 3½ o'clock P. M., sell on the premises, at auction, all that LOT OF GROUND, with all improvements thereon, situated on the southeast corner of Clay and Thirtieth streets, fronting on Clay street 132 feet, and running back parallel with Thirtieth street 82 feet 6 inches.
TERMS: Cash as to expenses of sale and to pay off a bond of $800, with interest thereon from the 18th of March, 1876, of which amount $200, with the interest thereon, is payable in gold coin; balance on a credit of six months; but by consent of parties interested the terms may be more liberal, and to be announced on day of sale.
JOHN CANEPA, Trustee.

By virtue of the decree of 28th of November, 1876, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the cause of "Armstrong's assignee *vs.* Armstrong *et als.*," I will unite in the foregoing sale.
EDWARD M. CRUMP,
Assignee in Bankruptcy of J. H. Armstrong.
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By Philip J. Wright, Stock Auctioneer.

I WILL SELL AT MY OFFICE, ON THURSDAY the 28th December, 1876, at 12 o'clock, forty shares of the CAPITAL STOCK OF THE COMMERCIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY belonging to the estate of the late W. R. Winn.
PHILIP J. WRIGHT,
no 28-1aw5t&dtd Auctioneer.

OLD JAMAICA RUM,
OLD SCOTCH WHISKEY,
FRENCH and APPLE BRANDY,
IMPORTED WINES—all kinds;
WHISKEY—every grade;
TEAS—Black and Green;
RAISINS, CITRON, ALMONDS, &c.;
CONDIMENTS and FINE GROCERIES.
MESSRS. W. D. BLAIR & CO., 903 Main street, are large dealers in the above articles, and you can entirely rely on the FINE QUALITY and LOW PRICES of their goods. de 14-2w

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

NOTHING BETTER FOR A Christmas present than a pair of E. O. Burts's Foxed Button Boots for ladies, only $5; misses, $3.75; children, $3.25; Boys' Red-Top Boots, $3.50; Gentlemen's Calf, Hair, Embroidered, and Goat Slippers; Ladies' Toilette Slippers, all styles; fine Russia- and Grain-Leather Bags and Satchels, Toy Trunks, &c., at
W. P. W. TAYLOR'S,
de 23 Fourth and Broad streets.

GENTLEMEN'S
FANCY SLIPPERS
from $1.10 up.
2,000 pairs just received at MAY'S,
de 22 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S THREE-SOLE GAITERS, $2.50; LADIES' GOAT SHOES, $2 to $2.25, at
de 22 MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

MISSES' SCHOOL-SHOES, $1.59; LADIES' FOXED GAITERS, $1.75, $2, and upwards at MAY'S,
de 22 607 Broad street.

GENTLEMEN'S MOBILE-TOE CALF GAITERS, $3; CHILDS' SCHOOL-SHOES, $1, and $1.25, at [de 22] MAY'S, 607 Broad street.

CHILDS' TOY TRUNKS, $1.25.
Walk phast and eezy. Buy ENGLISH GAITERS for $5 at MAY'S,
de 22 Sixth and Broad.

REMEMBER, MAY CLOSES SATURDAY until 5:30 P. M. Buy during the week.
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MAY CLOSES SATURDAY UNTIL 5:30 P. M. de 22

OLD DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE COMPANY.
Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's BOOTS and SHOES made to order.
No. 912½ Main street,
de 20-1m Richmond, Va.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.—Gentlemen's Embroidered Hair and Maroon Goat Slippers; Ladies' Cuban, Empress, and Toilette Slippers; Boys' Red-Top Boots; Children's Toy Trunks.
FINE RUSSIA- and GRAIN-LEATHER BAGS, SATCHELS, &c., at J. A. GRIGG'S,
de 19 Tenth and Main streets.

GO TO B. F. TINSLEY & CO.'S,
431 BROAD STREET,
for the
CHEAPEST AND BEST SHOES
in the city;
for beyond a doubt they have them; and for REPAIRING in the neatest manner that is the place.
Let each one examine for himself and be convinced. oc 16

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

D. N. WALKER & CO., GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS, 1014 MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA., representing the
NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY, of London and Edinburgh. Capital, $10,000,000 gold.
AMAZON INSURANCE COMPANY, of Cincinnati, Ohio—assets over $1,000,000.
MANHATTAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York—assets over $800,000.
ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—assets over $500,000.
PHŒNIX INSURANCE COMPANY, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—assets over $2,500,000.
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