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Board only $30 per month for May and June. Special arrangements for families.
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DRESS SHIRTS TO ORDER. ap 30

Richmond Dispatch.

MONDAY.....MAY 28, 1877.

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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, slowly-rising barometer, stationary or higher temperature, winds mostly from north and west, and clear or partly cloudy weather, with occasional light showers.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, slowly-rising barometer, winds variable but mostly from northeast, stationary or higher temperature, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the West Gulf States, slight changes in pressure or temperature, winds mostly from east to south, partly cloudy and cloudy weather, with rain areas.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, slight change in pressure, slightly higher temperature, winds mostly from the north and east, clear or partly cloudy weather.

THE WEATHER ON SATURDAY was partly cloudy or clear, mild, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 55; 9 A. M., 62; noon, 74; 3 P. M., 77; 6 P. M., 70; midnight, 64.

Important and Valuable Discovery.

A learned and practical physician—Dr. J. W. Davenport, of Dallas, Texas—has made a discovery, and obtained the patent therefor, which promises to be of incalculable value and usefulness to the present and future generations. It is simply the ascertainment of the chemical components of a fluid for keeping all kinds of fruits, vegetables, and meats fresh, sweet, and pure. The aim of the ingenious chemist has been to discover the ingredients of a pickle which would arrest the process of decomposition and extinguish the germ of decay of all animal and vegetable substances without impairing their flavor or imparting to them any injurious effect. It is simply a pickle of the most inexpensive sort, costing infinitely less than brine or vinegar, in which any meat or vegetable may be kept in open vessels, submerged for months, and when taken out will be found as pure and fresh as when the vegetables came from the garden or the meat from the butcher's stall. This pickle may be furnished and prepared at a cost of four cents per barrel. The pickle is so nearly tasteless and palatable as to demonstrate its innocuousness, and yet from the specimen we saw yesterday at 61 Carondelet street, green corn which had been immersed in it for twelve months, when boiled, could not be distinguished from the corn which had been gathered that morning. Mutton- and pork-chops, and even fat papabottes, placed in this pickle weeks ago, when subjected to heat, had preserved all their original freshness and flavor. No one would ever suspect that they had ever been brought in contact with any chemical fluid or substance. It would appear that this fluid is far more effective and reliable in preserving vegetables and meats in their original freshness than the strong brine used in preserving salt meats. This fact being established, the superiority both for nourishment and health of fresh over salt meats would secure its universal adoption, and prove invaluable for use on ships, in armies, and on plantations. The simple anti-scorbutic effects of such a preservation of fresh meat and vegetables would render it of incalculable benefit.—*New Orleans Democrat, 23d.*

A Heroine.

[From the New Orleans Democrat.]

We were the witness of a tender and beautiful scene in 1861. It was early in May, and a fair young Louisiana girl was bidding her soldier lover good-bye. Her head was bowed upon his breast, and she was weeping bitterly. But when he besought her to dry her tears and display a brave heart, she lifted her head, and looking him proudly in the face, said: "I am weeping because you are going where there is danger and probably death, but," and the blood mantled to her white cheeks, "if you were not going, you would see me blush and bow my head in shame." Once again we saw that girl. A division of Federal troops were attacking a body of Confederate cavalry near where she was taking refuge, in full view of her house, and the shells and round-shot hissed over the village and ploughed through its streets, and there she stood gazing eagerly at the battle, heedless of shot and shell, as though they had been rose-leaves scattered around her by an autumnal wind; her hands were clenched; her cheeks were whiter than lilies; her whole form seemed to heave with excitement; but there was a battle-fire in her blue eyes. By heaven! we believe that, had it been possible, she would have dashed into the thickest of the fight; her very soul seemed to glory in the blaze and thunder of the battle. That girl had the heart of Richard Cœur de Lion. But she faded away with the strength of the Confederacy, and then they dressed her in white robes, folded her hands on her bosom, and laid her away; and when the last ragged Confederates had surrendered their guns her soul had vanished from the earth.

A young gentleman from Chicago—the *Tribune* recounts the adventure—was insulted in a café in Paris by a professional bully and duellist. The friends of the American insisted that he must fight, and by a judicious use of stimulants induced the timid soul to send a challenge. The fatal morning came, and the enraged duellists confronted each other on the Belgian frontier. "Keep cool!" said the Chicago warrior's second. "Stick your sword into him—that's all you have to do; never mind any of his monkey-shines, but go in just as if he belonged to St. Louis and hadn't them tom-cat mustaches." Despite the assurance that his friends, if worst came to the worst, would have his remains put up on ice and shipped to Chicago, the American showed no signs of fight until he was face to face with the enemy, when, to the astonishment of the bystanders, he parried and thrust like a madman, and in twenty seconds ran one of the best swordsmen in Europe through the throat. He bears his triumph with modesty, for his confidential advisers know the secret of his sudden burst of valor. When the duel began the horrible thought flashed across his mind that the undershirt he had on had been worn a week and was in need of repairs, and that he would cut a disgraceful figure if he were wounded and stripped.

THE ROMANCE OF A RICH YOUNG MAN.—There is a young man carrying a hod at Rohr's new building on First street who has a romantic history. He is about twenty-two years of age, and the only child of very wealthy parents, who reside in New Haven, Conn. About three years ago, becoming angry with his father, he left home and reached this city, where he has since resided, engaged in various kinds of manual labor. At regular intervals remittances and clothing from his parents are sent to him, but he persistently refuses to touch them, notwithstanding the most urgent entreaties. He also refuses to return home, preferring to make his own living.—*Maysville (Cal.) Appeal.*

A poor, lone Turk who was travelling in this country chanced to read several telegrams from the seat of war and an editorial on the Eastern question. He was sorely perplexed, and asked a Russian friend where this war was. Then the two together studied the telegrams and editorial, consulted several of the war-maps, and came to the conclusion the fight was somewhere in Southern Africa.—*Oil City Call.*

LOCAL MATTERS.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.—At the regular monthly meeting of the City School Board held at the High-School building at 4½ P. M.—present: Messrs. T. H. Leary, William H. Scott, William C. Knight, Alfred R. Courtney, M. L. Straus, Alfred Moses, and Superintendent J. H. Peay, Jr.—Superintendent Peay submitted his report, showing the condition of the public schools for the month ending 15th of May, as follows:

White Schools.—Enrolment for month, 2,947; average daily attendance, 2,795; total enrolment, 3,543. Per cent. of attendance, 93.2.

Colored Schools.—Enrolment for month, 1,735; average daily attendance, 1,670; total enrolment, 2,150. Per cent. of attendance, 94.5.

The secretary submitted his financial report for the past month; which was approved by the Board.

On the recommendation of the School-Board Committee on Finance it was ordered that the scholastic year 1877-'78 commence on the 15th day of September next.

Several bills were ordered to be paid; and other routine business transacted; after which the Board adjourned.

The following is a report of the attendance and percentage of attendance in the public schools for the week ending 25th May:

White Schools.

	No. of Pupils.	Per cent. of Attendance.
Richmond High-School	199	93.5
Central School	481	94.5
Leigh School	531	95
Madison School	480	95
Bellevue School	653	92
Bethel School	391	96
Clay School	198	87.6
Total white schools	2.933	93.4
Colored Schools.		
Richmond Colored Normal	161	96
Valley	586	91
Navy-Hill	450	92.3
Baker	525	94
Total colored schools	1,722	93.4
White and Colored Schools.		
White Schools	2,933	93.4
Colored Schools	1,722	93.4
Total	4.655	93.4

The monthly enrolment and daily attendance of pupils has been much reduced, occasioned by the prevalence of measles, mumps, and other contagious diseases.

The official examinations in all the public schools commence to-day. The Superintendent of Schools expects punctual attendance of all pupils belonging to the schools who may not be prevented by sickness from attending.

ARREST OF A FORGER—THE MAN HAMMOND AND HIS EXPLOITS.—J. W. Hammond *alias* Mays was before the Police Court Saturday to answer the charge of breaking and entering the lecture-room of St. John's (Episcopal) church and stealing therefrom sundry articles of children's wearing apparel belonging to the ladies holding a fair there, all of the value of $25, and also with forging the name of C. E. Strause to a check for $15. Hammond was arrested Saturday morning by Policeman Gathright. The cases were continued until to-day, when they will be fully examined. Hammond was identified by Mr. E. B. Snead, of the Citizens Bank, as the man who attempted to get a supposed bogus check cashed there a few days ago. Hammond was committed to jail pending the examination.

Hammond has been passing bogus checks for small amounts on a number of citizens. His conduct makes it doubtful whether he has very good sense, yet some of his tricks show skilful rascality. He served out a term in the Norfolk chain-gang some years ago, and has been in the chain-gang here, too. He stole two bracelets from his landlady, on Venable street, about a month ago. He has issued bogus checks in the names of Z. C. Gifford, William Sutherland, George B. Stacy & Co., Slater, Myers & Co., C. E. Strause, W. P. Ford, and others probably. Accused is a man of most respectable family connections.

A HORSE CASE.—W. B. Clark and Robert Jones were arrested on Saturday by Sergeant Parater, charged with taking possession of a horse valued at $50, the property of A. L. Houston. It is claimed that the horse was stolen from Mr. Houston and was purchased by Jones, and by Jones sold at the horse-auction on Saturday to Clark. The horse is in the hands of the officers of the law. Accused were bailed for their appearance before the Police Court this morning. Mr. Clark was first arrested as having the horse in his possession, and he then took out a warrant for Mr. Jones.

Saturday evening Sergeant Jeter, assisted by Mr. Winston Rogers, arrested Dr. James E. Hightower *alias* R. F. Anderson, who was later charged with stealing the horse from Houston. Mr. Houston resides in Caroline county, twelve miles from Milford. The horse was stolen from the court-house green at Bowling Green on the 14th. Mr. Houston wrote to his son, B. R. Houston, of this city, to look out for the horse, and the latter on Saturday found it in the possession of Clark, who had purchased it from Jones, and got Sergeant Parater, the first officer he found on the street, to make the arrest.

Hightower came in on the Tappahannock stage Saturday evening and was soon thereafter taken into custody, the officers having been notified by the sheriff of Caroline county to look out for him, but the offence was not stated.

Hightower was identified by Jones as the man who sold him the horse, and he admits that fact. Accused is a native of Georgia and has sold several horses here, and now has a valuable gold watch in his possession. He states that he lives in Albemarle, and that he is a physician.

INSPECTION OF THE POLICE FORCE.—There was an inspection of the police force Saturday evening at Old Market Hall, in the presence of Mayor Carrington and Police-Justice J. J. White, of the Police Board. The men made a fine appearance, and were highly complimented by both of the commissioners. After the inspection the Mayor had refreshments served in the shape of ice-cream, &c., which was highly appreciated by the policemen and officers. A vote of thanks and three cheers were given the commissioners and the Chief.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The Board of Aldermen will hold their regular meeting this afternoon in the Council chamber. One of the most important subjects that the Board has under consideration is the annual appropriation ordinance, which has not yet been passed. It is understood that if it is passed in the present shape the Mayor will not approve it. A number of the members of the Board are anxious to dispose of the subject; for if an appropriation bill is not passed in a short time it may prevent the two branches from adjourning as usual for the summer months.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR IN NORFOLK.—Councilman Charles F. Taylor, of this city, was in Norfolk last week, and while at the armory of the Norfolk City Guard on Friday made a speech. The occasion of the address was a visit of the Peninsula Guard, of Hampton, to Portsmouth, on memorial-day, and in passing through Norfolk the Peninsula Guard were entertained at the armory of the Norfolk City Guard, where Captain Taylor was visiting some of his military friends. Captain Taylor invited the Hampton military to Richmond, promising them a hearty welcome.

UNITED STATES OFFICIAL BONDS.—The United States District Attorney, by instructions from Washington, has been engaged in examining the bonds of Government officers, with a view of reporting as to their sufficiency. In some cases he has reported that the parties signing bonds are not now worth as much as they represented when the instruments were executed. In each of such instances the officer will be required to furnish additional sureties.

ON TO RICHMOND.—May 31st a large party of excursionists will come here from Suffolk. A train of seven coaches has been chartered. The proceeds of the enterprise will be applied to the parsonage fund of the Methodist church at Suffolk. The advertisement says: "About six hours will be devoted to sight-seeing in the renowned capital of the Commonwealth, during which time ample opportunity will be afforded to visit Hollywood, the most beautiful city of the dead within the bounds of the State; the Capitol Square, one of the prettiest places in the United States; the Washington monument, the finest equestrian statue in the world; the Jackson monument, the gift of a noble-hearted Englishman to Virginia; the State Capitol; halls of the Senate and House of Delegates; the State Library, where a fine collection of rare and curious relics may be seen; the Governor's mansion; the penitentiary; the old Libby prison; Castle Thunder; the Tredegar Iron-Works; some of the largest flouring-mills in the world; the Medical College; Monumental church, the seat of the old theatre destroyed by fire; the tunnel of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad; the new reservoir; the falls of James river; and hundreds of other historic localities too numerous to mention, but richly worth seeing. The street-cars will take visitors over the entire city at very small fares." (?)

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 26, 1877.—Lots fronting: 34½ feet on Duval street, $450; 50 feet on Cary street corner Laurel, —; 2 acres on Grace street between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth, —; 41 7-12 feet on Main street between New and Locust alley, $18,000; 21 1-6 feet on Main street near Eighth, $3,500; 60 feet on Fifth street, $355; —feet on Cary street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, &c., $10; 1 acre, Lots 37 and 38, Duval's addition, —; 1 acre, Lots 37 and 38, Duval's addition, 80½ feet on Orange street, $1,000; —feet near Shockoe creek, $315; 19¾ feet on Cary street between Virginia and Shockoe Slip, $3,800; 99 feet on Twenty-ninth street between M and N, $900; 18 1-6 feet near Third street between Main and Franklin streets, $800; 22 feet on Cary street between Thirteenth and Virginia streets, $4,300.

THE FUNERAL TOLL PAST MIDNIGHT.—At about 1 o'clock Saturday morning residents in the western part of the city were awakened by the dismal tolling of the Richmond College bell. Policemen Baker, Jones, Shepperson, and Clark left their beats and went to the college to ascertain what was the matter. They found that a number of students were in the belfry tolling the bell as a matter of fun. Two of them were arrested and carried to the Third station-house, and were before the Police Justice Saturday morning. The Justice turned them over to the college authorities for such reproof as may be deemed proper.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS.—The collections of internal revenue last week were as follows: Monday, $6,847.34; Tuesday, $8,634.69; Wednesday, $9,908.68; Thursday, $8,243,26; Friday, $8,670.19; Saturday, $9,269.28—total, $511,543.44.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT ASSOCIATION HALL TO-NIGHT.—Mr. Robert McCandlish, of Middlesex county, who is devoting his time and talents in the temperance cause when not professionally engaged, is in our city and will deliver an address to-night in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. McCandlish is well known as the law-partner of Judge Montague. For some months past he has been laboring earnestly in the lower counties in the cause of temperance, until nearly one half of the white population are enlisted in the work. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of the State of Virginia he was elected State Lecturer, and comes to the city with cheering news of the rapid spread of the order wherever he has labored. Mr. McCandlish is a gentleman of ability, and the address will doubtless draw a large attendance of the members of the order and friends of the cause.

ANOTHER TEMPERANCE MEETING.—There will be held a public temperance meeting under the auspices of all the temperance societies of the city of Richmond at St. Mark's Episcopal church, corner Clay and First streets, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8½ o'clock. Prominent speakers will be present.

COLLEGE MEDALS.—The approaching close of the session of Richmond College is full of interest to the students. The usual contests for medals have attracted more than ordinary attention. For excellence in declamation the two societies award gold medals. The competition has been very spirited, and on the occasions of the trials for oratorical merit the halls have been filled with visitors. The Mu Sigma Rho medal was given to Mr. Yancey, of Mecklenburg, and Dr. Preston, the chairman of the Committee of Award, in a graceful and appropriate speech, declared that he had never witnessed among college declaimers such marked excellence. The Philologian medal was given to Mr. Hutchings, of Danville, who displays rather uncommon talent as an orator. The "Steel medal," the result of the thoughtful liberality of Dr. Steel, of our city, is given to the best reader, and by the terms of the gift the Faculty are to bestow it upon him who shall show most excellence in a public trial. Pieces selected by the Faculty and by each contestant were read, and the honor was bestowed upon Manly B. Curry, the son of Professor Curry. These medals and others will be presented at commencement.

PROPOSED PIC-NIC.—The Catholic Beneficial Society have inaugurated arrangements for a pic-nic on the 4th of July for the purpose of raising funds to entertain the delegates to the Convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, which meets in this city in September next, and which will be attended by representatives from all parts of the country. The Beneficials have ever been ready to respond to the calls of charity, and as this is the first time they have ever asked our people to aid them in any undertaking of their own it is expected they will meet with the encouragement they so richly deserve.

PUBLIC DECLAMATION.—The annual contest for the Woods medal by students of Richmond College will take place at the Second Baptist church this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. Three gentlemen of the city, headed by Judge Christian, of the Court of Appeals, have been chosen to decide among contestants. The house heretofore on such occasions has been full.

RICHMOND MUSICIANS IN STAUNTON.—Mr. Leo Wheat is in Staunton making arrangements for two concerts which will be given by the Monumental choir in Grange Hall, in Staunton, to-night and to-morrow night. Miss Alice Swain, Miss Maggie Redford, Mr. John D. Redford, and Mr. Grant, will leave Richmond this morning. The Stauntonians have a treat in store for them.

FEAST AND FAIR.—The ladies of the Eleventh-Street synagogue will hold a strawberry feast and fair at Monticello Hall, on Broad street between Sixth and Seventh, for two days only, commencing on Tuesday evening, May 29th, and they extend a cordial invitation to all.

FESTIVAL THIS AFTERNOON.—This afternoon the ladies of the new English Lutheran church, on the northeast corner of Grace and Seventh streets, will give a strawberry festival, and devote the proceeds to their church.

FEDERAL DECORATION-DAY.—The decoration services at the Federal cemetery will take place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Any contributions of flowers may be left at the post-office by 9 A. M. of that day.

CHARGED WITH STEALING RAILROAD-IRON. Joseph Edwards, John Edwards, John Camp, Calvin Henry, and William Moore were on Saturday before the Police Justice, charged with having in their possession a considerable lot of railroad-iron, supposed to have been stolen. John Edwards and Calvin Henry were discharged. The case of the others was continued until to-day (Monday). The iron, it is thought, belongs to the Danville Railroad Company.

MAJOR ELECTED.—At a meeting of the commissioned officers of the First regiment held Saturday night Captain Charles J. Anderson was elected major in place of Major L. L. Bass, resigned. Colonel Johnson requested the captains to talk with their men about having an encampment at the White Sulphur Springs about the middle of August.

THE GOLD CASES.—On Tuesday, at Alexandria, Judge Hughes will deliver his opinion on the demurrer to the declaration of the United States Government in the cases of certain officials of the State who received gold from the State Treasury on the eve of the evacuation of Richmond.

PERSONAL.—General William Mahone was in the city Saturday.

Dr. Harvey Black, superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, and family were at the St. James Hotel on Saturday.

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN RICHMOND POST-OFFICE MAY 26, 1877.—Miss Elfie Cary, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Addie G. Green, Baltimore, Md.; Marion B. Langhorne, San Francisco, Cal.; Joseph Mack, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Ann Preston, Richmond, Va.; Captain Frank Ransom, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Walker, Richmond, Va.

CIRCUIT COURT.—In the Circuit Court of Richmond Saturday, in the case of John Howard against Charles M. Wallace judgment was given for $4,025 with interest from January 1, 1875.

In the case of Southern Mutual Insurance Company against S. T. Bailey's administrator judgment was given for $50.

TO BE TRIED TO-DAY.—John S. Haynes, charged with stealing $190 from Dominick McDonough, will be tried in the Hustings Court to-day.

A NEW COAL MINE.—Messrs. Pilcher & Forloine, of Norwood mines, brought to our office Saturday a sample of coal from the Hope mine, which they have just opened. The coal is said to be superior in quality to any yet developed in those extensive coal-fields.

VISIT FROM THE PETERSBURG TEMPLARS.—Appomattox Commandery, Knights Templar, propose to pay a visit to Richmond Commandery on Wednesday.

Leslie's Lady's Journal and *Chimney Corner* for this week received from J. T. Ellyson, 1112 Main street.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Fire Saturday—Two Houses Burned:—Between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning a fire occurred in the bake-house of Jacob Kell, at the corner of Hull and Ninth streets. The flames were soon communicated to the residence of Mr. Kell and the building adjoining. Both were totally destroyed. The houses were owned by William Heider, and were valued at $2,000. They were insured by Mr. A. Royall, agent of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, for $1,500.

The Central House of H. A. Jordan, adjoining the above, was badly injured. Mr. Jordan was insured in the Home Insurance Company for $1,000.

Mr. Kell had an insurance on his furniture, stock, and fixtures for $1,000 in the City Insurance Company, of Richmond.

Alert Fire Company and the citizens generally turned out and rendered all the assistance in their power. Chief Ainslie was promptly on hand with one of his steamers, but the flames had done their worst. To all of the above Messrs. Heider, Jordan, and Kell return thanks.

Charles McNair, baker, was burned out on the same spot in October, 1870.

Another Fire.—A fire broke out Saturday in the kitchen of Major J. B. Vaughan, at the corner of Porter and Ninth streets. The flames were suppressed without damage.

Election of District Officers.—The following are the official returns of the elections in the county of Chesterfield last Thursday, as certified to Saturday by W. G. Flournoy, J. C. Reams, and Z. T. Morrissette, commissioners appointed to canvass the vote:

Manchester District: For Supervisor, Joseph Walker; Justices, George Munn, Jasper Clayton, Wilson Howlett; Constable, William Evans; Overseer of the Poor, Giles Hayden.

Dale: Supervisor, B. J. Duval; Justices, John S. Taylor, Lee Mills, Thomas C. Farmer; Overseer of the Poor, William J. Horner; Constable, A. M. Chalkley.

Matoaca: Supervisor, R. L. Jones; Justices, R. B. Jones, E. S. Robinson, William H. Davies; Overseer of the Poor, W. Tucker; Constable, A. J. Tucker.

Clover Hill: Supervisor, D. M. Goode; Justices, J. P. Cox, Alexander Sims, A. Gary; Constable, Lucius Sims.

Bermuda: Supervisor, John Murphy; Justices, E. S. Gregory, R. A. Willis, L. J. Howell; Constable, A. A. Ellett.

Midlothian: Supervisor, W. E. Spears; Justices, A. G. Elam, Joseph E. Cox, William Ashbrook; Constable, R. L. Pemberton; Overseer of Poor, Thomas Jewett.

All of the above are Conservatives except Joseph Walker (white), Jasper Clayton (white), Wilson Howlett (colored), and Giles Hayden (colored), who are Republicans.

The vote was unusually small.

The Sons of Temperance.—Lafayette Division, Sons of Temperance, was reinstituted Friday night. The officers (heretofore published) were installed by G. W. P. Henry A. Atkinson and Grand Secretary T. Wiley Davis, of Richmond.

Services at Chester.—Rev. B. P. Warwick will preach at the Methodist church at Chester to-day at 11 o'clock A. M.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Mr. ZETELLE'S FINE PROPERTY in the suburbs. It is a most desirable residence which he offers for sale, and will never decline in value. It is a fine opportunity to get a happy home.

BLUE CHEVIOT SUITS
made to order for
twenty-five dollars.
E. B. SPENCE & SON,
Merchant-Tailors.

LOOK AT OUR
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HONEST TRADING has been our practice, and found successful. No attempts to deceive a customer countenanced or permitted. A. SAKS & CO.,
One-Price Clothiers,
1013 Main street.

REMEMBER THE LARGE SALE OF CHEAP LOTS advertised by W. H. BRAUER, trustee, to take place on Oakwood avenue on WEDNESDAY the 30th of May, 1877, at 3½ o'clock, and don't fail to attend, and induce your friends to do so also. See advertisement.

IF you want to get a handsome dress for Commencement, go to LEVY BROTHERS' early MONDAY MORNING and see those handsome Dotted and Figured Swiss MUSLINS at 25c. per yard worth at least double the money.

OPEN on MONDAY MORNING, at LEVY BROTHERS', 50 pieces dotted SWISS MUSLIN at 25c. a yard worth 50c.

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SAVE MONEY by having your printing done at the DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE. Good work, low prices, and satisfaction guaranteed.

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TRUNKS, VALISES, and SATCHELS, at
BOSCHEN'S, 509 and 511 Broad street.

I have analyzed the WHISKEY known under the brand of "B SELECT," controlled by Messrs. WALTER D. BLAIR & CO., Richmond, Va., and find it FREE FROM FUSIL OIL and other impurities, and recommend its use for medicinal and family purposes.—J. B. MCCAW, M. D., late Professor of Chemistry, Medical College of Virginia.

SLIPPERS, TIES, BUSKINS, SERGE GOODS, SANDALS, Prince Alberts, Oxfords, Newports, Magnolias, Buckle Newports, &c., cheap at
BOSCHEN'S, 509 and 511 Broad street.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

☞ *On all sales of Real Estate made between the 1st of January and last of June the taxes for the present year have to be paid by the purchaser. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller.* [This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and applies to Richmond and vicinity.]

J. D. WHITEHEAD, 10½ A. M., groceries.
POINDEXTER & TUPPER, 5½ P. M., smal framed tenement No. 205 Canal street.
WELLINGTON GODDIN, 6 P. M., trustee's sale of small framed tenement on the east side of Ninth street, French Garden Hill.
FRANK D. HILL, 12 M., trustee's sale of a farm in the county of Chesterfield, Va., five miles from Richmond.
N. M. LEE, 6 P. M., large lot on corner of St. James and Bacon streets.
RICHARDSON & CO., 5½ P. M., brick dwelling and lot on Twenty-ninth street corner of Leigh.
JAMES M. TAYLOR & SON, 5 P. M., two new brick dwellings (Nos. 715 and 717) and one framed dwelling (No. 719) on Clay street between Munford and Gilmer.
GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 5 P. M., the large brick dwelling at the northeast corner of Marshall and Adams streets.
ROBERT B. LYNE, 1 P. M., trustee's sale of little market- and truck-farm three miles east of Richmond on the Newbridge (or Nine-Mile) road.
W. GODDIN, 6 P. M., thirty-two lots in Duval's addition, St. Peter street.
W. GODDIN, 6 P. M., three lots in the plan of Bacon's Quarter Branch Tavern property.
HILL & ANDERSON, 12 M., groceries.
A. B. DUESBERRY, 10 A. M., household furniture.
T. L. WHITING, High-Constable, 10 A. M., furniture.

DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c.

DR. JUERGENSON'S
ELECTROMATIC NECKLACE,
FOR TEETHING CHILDREN.
By mail, 50c.
MILLER & PIERCE, Apothecaries,
my 16-tJ-4 corner Fifth and Marshall streets.

DIETETICS
FOR INFANTS AND INVALIDS:
PAPOMA, or ENTIRE WHEAT-FOOD;
HUBBELL'S PREPARED WHEAT,
IMPERIAL GRANUM,
NESTLE'S LACTEOUS FARINA,
HAWLEY'S LIEBIG'S FOOD,
K. & M.'S MALT INFANTS' FOOD,
FRENCH RACAHOUT DES ARABES,
SAVORY & MOORE'S INFANTS' FOOD,
PREPARED BARLEY,
SCOTCH OAT-MEAL,
BERMUDA ARROWROOT,
PREPARED RICE-FLOUR,
IMPORTED EXTRACT OF MALT,
TROMMER'S EXTRACT OF MALT.
Sold at MEADE & BAKER'S Drugstore,
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IMPERVIOUS LINT.
This consists of lint of the best quality, one side of which is rendered impervious, thereby preventing soiling of the clothing of those using it, and rendering applications, such as liniments, oils, or salves, more effectual. For sale by
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