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The Decline of Literary Taste.

DISCOURAGING VIEWS OF A CHICAGO CRITIC.

It is painful to admit the truth, that the popular taste for literature is not improving in tone with the diffusion of knowledge among the people and the general progress of the country. Levelling principles and institutions have done their work. Save where some great seat of learning, with generous endowments to render it independent of the popular favor, has stayed the flood, everything which truly deserves the name of belles-lettres is being swept away before the all-absorbing interests of business, politics, and matters of fact. Science, indeed, advances, because science promotes commerce, the art of navigation and the production of wealth; but polite literature, which is only elegant and refining, has retired into the shades of private life, content to adorn the circles of home, too sensitive to brave the sneers of utilitarianism.

Can a better literary spirit be evoked among us? Perhaps not of that elevated tone which once marked the halcyon days of the republic. Literature must have a fitting element to make it flourish, and that element will regulate its character and govern its course. We shall have in the United States an immense reading public, we have it already. But what is the kind of literature in which it most delights? Sensational novels. pictorial newspapers, partisan sheets growing every day more vulgar and abusive, jest books, and manuscript publications like those of "Bill Arp," "Josh Billings," "Philander Doesticks," "Petroleum V. Nasby," etc., from which the writings of "Artemus Ward," "Brick Pomeroy," and "Mark Twain" are but a short remove. Such is the pabulum, full of twaddle, false taste, falsehood and false grammar, on which nine-tenths of the people of this great nation daily feed, now when its joints and sinews are knitting afresh; when new habits of thought and feeling are being formed, and when its tone, which at last makes the true greatness of a people, is assuming shape and character. Any heavier food than this turns their weak stomachs. Boston, lying under the shadow of a great university, is perhaps the only point which is bringing out anything in high literature, and that is so impregnated with rationalism, so saturated with unsavory doctrine, that it is not pleasant for everybody, nor safe for anybody, to indulge much in it. New York, to be sure, is a great book-mart, a vast publishing centre, but she produces to-day no such writers as Washington Irving, Paulding, Verplanck and Cooper, whose racy and genuine writings are the past. Bryant, though still living, may be said to belong to an earlier era of letters. Philadelphia is a focus of science, a powerful reflector of intellectual light, yet she has no considerable literature of her own, no art such as she once could boast. Her clever artists and her gifted novelist, West Sully, Stuart, Brocken and Brown, have passed away, and left no worthy successors. Almost every literary review of high order which has been established in this land of ours, has expired after a brief existence. The North American Review never had appreciable influence upon public opinion. The American Quarterly, after a few years of unutterable dullness, went out for want of brains, as a distinguished critic has said. The New York Review, of a much higher plane of merit, did not long withstand the inevitable law of decay and failure. The original Southern Review, whose articles were, many of them, equal to the essays in the Edinburg Review, succumbed from lack of patronage, at the end of its fourth year. The obliquities of the Atlantic Monthly confine its circulation to a very narrow compass. The Round Table. Old and New and the Every Saturday, are yet candidates for recognition. Harper alone prospers, because it is furnished with numerous engravings, and stories by foreign authors of reputation, and has a monthly drawer of jokes, perhaps newer than Joe Miller's, but not so good as his.

The fact is patent, and cannot be denied, that the Augustan age of American literature is already on the wane. With the exception of a few histories and educational manuals produced in Boston, and now and then a philological work by such a profound scholar as George P. Marsh, nearly all our new literature, not scientific, may be properly termed trashy. The national taste is perverted, and must be gratified. This decline has been coincident with the disappearance of the former standards of education. The caricature which lately headed one of our satirical papers, is daily illustrated in real life: Two young women are represented as applying at a circulating library for interesting books, and the answer which they receive from the simpering attendant is this: "I regret very much, ladies, that we have to-day no 'Murder,' nor any Breach Promise;' but we expect at the end of the week two 'Bigamies.'"

The republic of letters has grown mercantile, and the power of the press often truckles with mercenary motives, while book-making has become a sort of trade not always honest. The multiplicity of books in our day is so great and confusing that without a reliable guide, something like "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature," it is impossible, amid the literary stuff daily issued from the press, to distinguish useful works from writings devoid of any merit, and many others absolutely bad. This evil is increasing with the process of time. It has become a matter of grave importance and earnest inquiry, whether the present educational systems of society have a tendency to render the current literature any the more mobidly inflate, and its influence any the more corrupt. —*Chicago Riverside Press.*

INSIDE THE CARS.—The railroad people always advised those who travel with them to sit inside the cars, and stand off the platform. A few days ago, after receiving this advice, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, a Hanover party, clothed in a long linen duster, straw hat and carpet-bag, retired to the platform of the car to cool himself, as he said. He had not been in possession of his airy perch more than ten minutes before sparks from the engine, or his own pipe, set fire to his duster in three places, filled his eyes with cinders, and spoilt his hat. When he arose and came into the car for assistance, he looked like one of those blazing meteors which the Emperor Constantine saw in his journey, many hundred years ago. The Hanover man was soon extinguished. He wears a poultice on one eye now and has no duster.—*Richmond News.*

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS, Varnishes and Oils,
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BENONI WHEAT, President.
MORTON MARYE, Sect'y. oct 26-tf

NOVELTIES IN STATIONERY,
—AT—
FRENCH'S, NO. 95 KING ST.
Received to-day another lot of new styles of Stationery, direct from the importers. The new colors of the square Note Paper, with Envelopes to match, are the handsomest goods ever imported.
Also a new line of Quadrille Mourning Paper, with Envelopes to match; wide medium and narrow border.
Wedding Paper and Envelopes to match; new styles and sizes.
Fine English Note Paper, plain and ruled.
A very large assortment of American Paper, Note, Letter and Cap, of all grades from 75c per ream to the very best made.
Flat Cap, Demy and Medium Paper, for printers' work.
Just received a full line of Printers' Blanks, Bristol and China Cards, all sizes and colors; Railroad Checks; Half-sheet Letter and Note for headings; Bill Heads, all sizes, at manufacturers' prices.
One thousand quires of half-bound Blank Books. Broad and Long, Day Books and Ledgers, single and double entry; a job lot. The cheapest books in the State of Virginia.
Bristol and Paste Boards, Blotting Checks, Notes and Drafts and Tissue Paper; all colors.
One hundred thousand Envelopes, at lowest cash prices.
Besides the above, everything which goes to make a complete stock of Stationery, Blank Books, &c. [je 11] G. E. FRENCH.

HOOMES, ASHBY & CO.
Have this day added to their stock of DRY GOODS, consisting in part of Prints, Percales, Piques, Lawns, Grenadines, Nainsooks, Muslin, White Linen Lawns, Bleached Cottons, Notions, &c., &c. We have a beautiful stock of DRESS GOODS, and offer inducements in this line. je 22

COPARTNERSHIPS.

DISSOLUTION—The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name of LEE & BROTHER has been dissolved by mutual consent.
Mr. C. F. LEE, Jr., is alone authorized to settle the affairs of the firm, and will continue the business in his own name from this date.
C. F. LEE, Jr.
jy 9 6t C. G. LEE.

THE UNDERSIGNED having this day formed a copartnership under the name and style of JAMIESON, UHLER & CO., will continue the business of the ALEXANDRIA PLANING MILLS, Sash, Door and Blind Manufactory, formerly conducted by Jamieson & Clarke.
ROBT. JAMIESON.
A. G. UHLER.
BOYD M. SMITH.
Alexandria, Va., July 1, 1872. jy 2 1m

NOTICE—The firm of JAMIESON & CLARKE is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in settlement.
ROBT. JAMIESON.
A. M. CLARKE.
Alexandria, Va., July 1, 1872. jy 2-1m

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between Wm. B. Price and W. L. Kendrick, under the firm name of PRICE & CO., is this day disolved by mutual consent. WM. B. PRICE alone is authorized to receipt in the name of the firm, or has the power to apppoint a curator or trustee for the purpose of settling the business of the late firm.
WM. B. PRICE,
W. L. KENDRICK.
Alexandria, Va., Jnne 26, 1872.

In retiring from the firm of Price & Co., it affords me great pleasure to recommend Wm. B. Price to my friends and acquaintances as an honorable business man. All parties indebted to the late firm are earnestly requested to make immediate settlement to W. B. Price or his authorized agent. W. L. KENDRICK.

It affords me pleasure to inform my friends and acquaintances and the public generally, that I will continue the Commission business in Washington, D. C. Thankful for past patronage, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.
Very respectfully,
Address: WM. B. PRICE,
jy 1—1w 933 La. Avenue, Washington.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

SPRING TRADE.

1872

BOOTS & SHOES.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

74 KING STREET, 74
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

The subscriber has now on hand and is prepared to furnish by wholesale and retail one of the largest and best assorted stocks of
LADIES',
GENTS',
MISSES',
BOYS' and
CHILDREN'S
BOOTS AND SHOES,
of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable manner, comprising a great variety of
NEW AND HANDSOME STYLES.
Also, a large stock of
BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,
suitable for the country trade, to which especial attention is invited on the part of country merchants and farmers.
All in want will do well to call and examine my stock, which cannot be excelled in this or any market south of New York.
W. B. WADDEY,
mar 15-tf No. 74 King street.

ICE DEALERS.

ICE! ICE! ICE!
AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
A full supply of pure BOSTON ICE constantly on hand. Orders left with the drivers of wagons or at my office will receive prompt attention. Ice securely packed to fill country orders. F. A. REED, Agent,
je 20 3m Janney's wharf.

ICE! ICE! ICE!
E. C. ATWELL,
Having completed his improvement in Market alley, has an ICE DEPOT there, where Ice can be obtained from 5 a. m., to 9 p. m Orders left at the Drug Store of Mr. Samuel Lunt, corner of King and Washington streets, will meet with prompt attention. Wagons will deliver Ice daily to all private families ordering it. ap28 tf

MOSQUITO NET.
SEAMLESS MOSQUITO NETTING.
The latest and best improved Canopy Fixtures, suitable for the largest sized bedstead.
J. P. CLARKE,
je 27 158 King street.

CONGRESS WATER—Six cases, each containing four dozen pint bottles, received this day direct from the Springs at Saratoga.—For sale in quantities to suit purchasers at moderate rates by
jy 2 JANNEY & CO.

PURE FRENCH WHITE WINE VINEGAR; also 10 bbls two-year old Cider Vinegar, in store and for sale by
GEO. McBURNEY & SON,
jy 8 166 and 170 King street.

FAMILY and EXTRA FLOUR, in half barrels, for sale low by
G. WM. RAMSAY,
jy 2 S. E. cor. King and St. Asaph sts.

25,000 SMOKED BLOATERS, new and prime, at 75c per 100.
G. W. HARRISON,
jy 6 36 King st. and 51 & 52 Fish Wharf.

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jy 2 JANNEY & CO.

A VERY choice article of GUNPOWDER TEA just received and for sale by the
CHINESE TEA COMPANY,
je 10 11 north Royal street.

PORCELAIN-LINED KETTLES and SAUCE PANS at
J. F. CARLIN & SONS,
my 22 63 King street.

POCKET PISTOLS, Cartridges, Percussion Caps—a supply just received at 88 King st. Prices reduced.
je 21 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

500 BALES OF CLOVER and TIMOTHY HAY in store and for sale at 201 King street.
je 7-2m AUGUSTUS WALL.

200 BUSHELS PEACH BLOW POTATOES to arrive, suitable for seed or family use, at 201 King street.
je 7 AUGUSTUS WALL.

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WM. F. BROOKES. GEO. D. BROOKES.
WM. F. BROOKES & BROTHER,
Dealers in
FINE AND FANCY GROCERIES,
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TEAS, SEASON 1871.
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Japans, pound, half do. and quar. do. packages.	
" very fine,	$1 10
" five lb chests, superior quality	5 00
" fine,	1 00
Oolong, extra fine quality,	1 25
" superior "	1 00
" fair "	0 70
Imperial, extra fine "	1 50
" superior "	1 10
" fair "	0 80
Young Hyson, extra fine,	1 50
English Breakfast "	1 30
" superior,	1 10
Gunpowder, extra fine,	1 75
" superior,	1 50
" good,	1 25

We are confident that the quality of our Teas cannot be surpassed, and are willing to have them compared with any in the market.
We have everything in the FINE GROCERY LINE.
SHELF GOODS of all kinds, fresh stock.
FRENCH CANDY, guaranteed to be pure.
The best brands of Domestic and Imported CIGARS and TOBACCO.
We particularly request our customers to return any article purchased from us that does not give satisfaction.
Any club order purchased from the Tea Companies in New York will be duplicated in price, and surpassed in quality.
CHINESE TEA COMPANY,
No. 11 north Royal street,
jan 27-tf Alexandria, Virginia.

NEW STORE.
F. G. SWAINE
Wouldinform his friends and the public generally that he has leased the store on the corner of Cameron and Royal streets, (J. C. Milburn's old stand) and will keep, in connection with the Grocery, Liquor and Commission store, No. 22 Royal street, a first-class
FAMILY GROCERY,
where can be found at all times fresh Roll Butter, Poultry, Eggs, Hominy, Beans, Dried Fruits, Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Pineapple, Tomaoes and Corn, &c., &c. Call and examine. feb 7

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Consignments and orders for Groceries respectfully solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. oct 26-tf

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HARLOW & BROTHER,
GROCERS, LIQUOR, FEED, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Northwest corner Royal and Cameron streets
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Special attention given to the sale of Country Produce. We most respectfully call the attention of the trade to our large and splendid stock of goods, consisting of Wines and Liquors, Flour, Hams, Shoulders, Breakfast Pieces, Butter, Lard, Cheese, Corn Meal, Crackers, Syrups, Molasses, Cod Fish, Mackerel, Herring, Woodenware, Baskets, Spices, Cigars, Tobacco, Canned Goods, Coal Oil, &c., and every other article usually found in a first class wholesale and retail establishment. Orders from the country respectfully solicited, and all orders shall receive our prompt attention. mar 20-1y

RICHARD W. AVERY. F. J. DAVIDSON
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A LOT OF NEW CARRIAGES RECEIVED EVERY WEEK.
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Every Carriage warranted substantial, and any portion of an old Carriage can be furnished immediately. CHAS. W. GREEN,
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je 20—tf

NOTICE—The following BOND of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company has been lost or mislaid. The public are warned not to receive it, as payment has been stopped and duplicate applied for, viz: Orange & Alexandria R. R. Co. Coupon eight per cent bond, No. 620, for $1000, interest payable 1st of May and November, principal due May 1st, 1873, known as Third Mortgage bond.
WM. M. RADFORD.
Address, Amsterdam, Botetourt co., Va.
je 25—J2,9,16,25

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Our entire stock of SUMMER GOODS to be sold at greatly reduced prices; also received a new and well selected assortment of the
LATEST STYLES
OF
SUMMER GOODS,
which were bought very cheap on account of the lateness of the season.
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PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM,
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DRESS GOODS! DRESS GOODS!
Of every description,
At greatly reduced prices from what they were earlier in the season.
French Lawns and Black Grenadines at about half; Thick Striped Victoria Lawns, with colored figures; Martaban Crepes in Colored Figures; White Organdies, with Trimming Borders; all styles of Piques; all colors of Chinese Grass Cloths, &c. We are offering inducements in the above, and have a good stock to select from. [je25] WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

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Is daily in receipt of new and desirable goods: Victoria Lawns, all qualities, beautiful for suits, and new Trimmings for the same; Swiss Muslins, beautiful quality; Swiss Edgings and Insertings, Percales and Calicoes for Suits, Guipere Laces, Colored Fringes, Gimps, Corded Satins, Plain Satins and Dress Trimmings of every kind; Olympic Adjustable Bustles; also another supply of those Hip-gored Corsets; beautiful Real Hair Curls, at 87c, very cheap; Mixed Straw Hats at cost. Received to day new Straw Goods. Will take great pleasure in showing goods. my 31

MOURNING GOODS.
JUST RECEIVED.
We beg to mention the following:
Bombazine, Tamese,
9-8 Mouselaine, Mereno Cashmere,
Grenadine, and one piece very superior 8-4 Shawl Grenadine.
A full line of Courtland & Co.'s Crepe Veils, long and short; Love Veils, &c.
We can offer attractions in Crepe Veils.
je 19 J. M. STEWART.

FRENCH AND SCOTCH MUSLINS.
We desire to call the attention of the ladies and misses to an elegant assortment of FRENCH and SCOTCH MUSLIN, for commencement dresses, just received, and at very attractive prices. Our Dress Goods Department, since the heavy fall of prices in importers' hands, has been replenished, and we feel safe in saying that rarely have such inducements been offered.
je 20 J. M. STEWART.

PATTERNS FOR EVERYBODY.
We have this day received a full line of Mme. DEMOREST'S PATTERNS, and as we have accepted the agency for this city for them, we will at all times have on hand a complete assortment of the various styles and sizes. Catalogues sent on application. Any Pattern will be sent by mail on receipt of price, postage paid. Subscriptions received for Mme. Demorest's Monthly Magazine. Yearly $3.00, with a beautiful Chromo as premium to each subscriber.
je 19 WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

HAY. B. HOOMES, Late of Fredericksburg. W. A. ASHBY. Late of Baltimor
NEW STORE.
We have opened and now offer for sale to the citizens of Alexandria and the public generally, at our newly fitted up store room, corner of King and Pitt streets, one of the largest and most attractive stocks of
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ever offered in this market. Our stock has been selected with a view to suit the wants and tastes of the entire community, embracing, as it does, goods of every variety of style and fabric, and at all prices. We ask an examination of our stock. Respectfully,
HOOMES, ASHBY, & CO.,
ap 8 109 cor. King and Pitt sts.
Salesmen—Eli H. Janney, Edwin T. Ashby, M. C Grasty, W. A. Lane, R. Stuart Ashby.

WOOD AND COAL.

JOHN LEATHERLAND takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally that he has bought Thomas J. Mehaffey's interest in the OLD DOMINION WOOD and COAL YARD, 26 King street, and respec fully asks a continuance of patronage. Persons who wish to lay in WOOD and COAL for winter's use would do well to call at my office, 26 King street, as I guarantee to supply as good an article of Wood and Coal as there is in this city. Wood Yard, corner Queen and Water streets. Weight guaranteed. jy 9-6m

HAVING disposed of my interest in the Wood and Coal Yard on King street to John Leatherland, I shall continue the Wood and Coal business at yards on the north and south corners of Union and Queen sts., where will always be on hand a full supply of the best quality RED and WHITE ASH COALS of the different sizes; CUMBERLAND COAL by the cargo, car load or retail.
Also HICKORY, OAK and PINE WOOD. The patronage of the citizens is respectfully solicited. All orders left at the office of the Alexandria Insurance Co., No. 54 King street, with Col. Marye, or at Clarridge & Grigg's Drug Store, corner King and Royal streets, will be promptly attended to.
jy 3-tf THOS. J. MEHAFFEY.

COAL.
J. P. AGNEW,
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Sale and shipment of best qualit
GEORGE'S CREEK,
CUMBERLAND and
ANTHRACITE COAL,
Either by the cargo, car load or retail.
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Dealer in
HARDWARE, TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY, MECHANICS' TOOLS, NAILS, &c.
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