

Alexandria Gazette

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DRY GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED.
FANCY CASSIMERES, for suitings,
BLACK DOESKIN CASSIMERES,
BLUE MIDDLESEX CLOTH, &c.
W. M. N. BERKLEY & SON.

**A FEW MORE OF THOSE CHEAP
WHITE COUNTERPANES**
received and for sale by
W. M. N. BERKLEY & SON.

**ANOTHER LARGE LINE OF CHOICE
DRY GOODS.**
Dry Goods at Popular Prices.
We opened to-day Staple and Fancy Goods in
great variety, and invite an early examination.
Black Goods a specialty. Goods sold to country
merchants at about Baltimore prices. Our stock
filling up very fast, and we defy competition.
D. F. BRASHEAR,
H. B. Hoopes, No. 100 King street,
Alexandria, Va.

**1000 YARDS BEST CALICOES,
IN REMNANTS,**
AT FIVE CENTS PER YARD.
D. BENDHEIM, 112 King street,
adjoining the Marshall House.

**BLACK SILKS AND HENRIETTA
CLOTHS.**
A full line of the above goods at low prices
received to-day, together with other choice
goods. Call and see them.
D. F. BRASHEAR,
109 King st., Alexandria, Va.

**CLOSING OF THE
GREAT COMBINATION STORE.**
Mr. HENRY SCHWARZ respectfully an-
nounces to the citizens of Alexandria that he
has this day accepted engagements with Mr.
Isaac Eichberg, successor to Slaymaker Co., for
the purpose of taking the management of that
business, and will resign as Manager of the
Combination Store. The stock, fixtures and
Merchandise of the latter will be sold out im-
mediately, either in parts or the whole, at a
GREAT SACRIFICE. Mr. S. has made ar-
rangements and marked all his goods down so
early part of the entire stock closed out by
this date. POSITIVELY CLOSING
OUT SALE. The dealers are cordially invited.
Respectfully,
HENRY SCHWARZ,
Manager Combination Store

PRETZFELDER & CO.
Are now opening
NOVELTIES IN SPRING GOODS,
and would name in part—
Dolman Cloths, new styles and colorings, with
fringes to match.
Newest Fabrics in imported Dress Goods, in
entirely new shades.
Cassimeres, Worsteds, Diagonals, Meltons,
&c. Cloths, &c., in large variety; newest de-
signs at unusually attractive prices.
Spring shades of Kid Gloves, in two butt ones,
at 50c. Every pair warranted.

NEW GOODS!
Just received direct from New York a very
handsome line of
BLACK GLO. GRAIN SILKS.
These goods are very handsome and cheap.
Parties in want of Black Silks will find it to
pay them to look at them. They range in price
from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per yard.
Very handsome Navy Blue and Invisible
Grounds.
Pin Stripes do. for the Spring sales.
Black Cashmeres, Tausis Cloth and other
Mourning Goods.
A fine stock of Cashmere Long Shawls; square
dolls.
Black Crape Veils.
Best Black Kid Gloves, Prints, Bleached
Goods, Lonsdale Cambrics, Aprons very cheap,
with other Dress Goods.
J. M. STEWART,
No. 144 King street,
Alexandria, Va.

NEW GOODS!
Newest designs in Bobbin and Everlast-
ings.
Handkerchiefs, in Linen, Silk and Lace, in all
styles—Plain, Hemstitched and Colored Bordered.
Hosiery, a complete line, of the very finest
makes and latest styles, in colored and white.
Gloves and Gauntlet, in all grades, for ladies
and Misses.
Two and Three Button Kid Gloves, in front
and opera shades, in Silk, Lisle and Kid fitted.
Collars and Cuffs, the newest styles out, single
or in sets.
An elegant line of Ladies' Bows and Scarfs,
of the latest styles, just introduced for the
first time.
Towels, from the lowest grade up to the very
finest, in plain, solid and figured borders, open
worked and embroidered; the finest imported
goods ever seen before.
The finest and most complete line of Shawls, in
Zephyr, Silk and Wool, as fine as the finest
ever imported.
A complete line of Men's Wear, in Cloths and
Cassimeres, for the most fashionable, at very
low prices.
An entire new and well selected line of Hosiery,
Shirts, Ties and Underwear.
Gents' Kid Gloves, of the best known makes, in
all shades.
Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, Rugs and Mats;
a complete line, all newly bought, of the best
designs and styles, at extremely low prices.
Our carpet room, on the second floor, (entrance
through the store) has just been newly fitted
up, to which we invite the attention of the la-
dies of Alexandria and vicinity.
ISAAC EICHBERG,
Successor to Slaymaker Co.
HENR SCHWARZ, Manager. ap 5

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SPRING STYLES SILK HATS
Just received at
YOUNG'S, THE HATTER,
No. 80 King street.

CANDIDATES.
TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA
CITY—I respectfully announce myself as a
candidate for Superintendent of Gas, subject to
the decision of the conservative nominating com-
mission. If elected, I will faithfully discharge
the duties of the position. Respectfully,
EDWARD NORRIS.

OSCAR F. BAGGETT,
Dealer in
FIRST CLASS BEEF,
VEAL, LAMB,
MUTTON, &c., &c.
CORNED BEEF A SPECIALTY.
Stalls 8 and 9 Centre Market, Royal st. wing.
Marking delivered free of charge to any
parts of the city. mh 23-6m

EXTENSIVE OPENING

or
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS

AT
ISAAC EICHBERG'S,
(Successor to Slaymaker Company)
Alexandria, Virginia.

Such a vast amount of stock has never before
been exhibited at any one time
in this city.

Best of Standard Prints in the most elegant
patterns cheaper than
over.

The choicest styles in
Ginghams, Percalls,
Jaconets and Shir-
tings.

A full and complete
line in Mourning
Goods to suit the most
fashionable.

Fancy Dress Goods in
large variety, from the
cheapest to the
very finest in the mar-
ket.

Damassa and Pongoes,
and India Piques.

Madras, in striped, fig-
ured and plain, in all
the finest grades.

A full and complete line in White Goods, Nain-
sooks, Swiss, Plaids, Stripes, Marcellis and
Piques.

Insertings and Edgings, in Cambrics, Swiss,
Jaconets, Everlastings, &c

Handkerchiefs, in Linen, Silk and Lace, in all
styles—Plain, Hemstitched and Colored Bordered.

Hosiery, a complete line, of the very finest
makes and latest styles, in colored and white.

Gloves and Gauntlet, in all grades, for ladies
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Successor to Slaymaker Co.
HENR SCHWARZ, Manager. ap 5

FANCY GOODS.

FRINGES! FRINGES! FRINGES!
A full line of Worsted Fringes and Collars at
50c. C. C. BERRY'S.

FERGUSON & BROTHER.
NOVELTIES! NEW GOODS! NOVELTIES!
Consisting in part of Ladies' and Children's
Fancy Lace Ribbons, Trims, Bows, Buttons; a large
assortment of Hosiery and Nainsook Edgings at
very low prices; Millinery Ornaments in all
the new designs, in Pearl, Gilt and Shell; Bus-
tles and Hoop Skirts, all styles, on hand and
made to order at short notice; Alexander's Kid
Gloves, in all the new spring shades, at 50c. per
pair—every pair warranted; our 75c. Glove is
a very good article; Worsted Fringes and But-
tons, in all shades; a large assortment of Corsets
at all prices; our celebrated Sanitary Corset is
recommended by medical men as the best in the
market; Walnut and Rustic Frames in all sizes;
Hair Brushes, Puffs and Curis, in all shades, con-
stantly on hand.
JAS. FERGUSON & BRO.,
96 King street.

JUST RECEIVED.
ALEXANDER'S
TWO-BUTTON KID GLOVES
FOR LADIES,
In Spring Shades; all sizes.
Every pair warranted.
C. C. BERRY.

CAMBRIC EDGINGS AND INSERTINGS.
A full line just received—very cheap.
C. C. BERRY.

C. M. ADAMS,
DEALER IN
Ladies' & Gents' Furn'g. Goods.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.
Kid Gloves and Cuffs, Hosiery, Shirts,
Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Scarfs, Ties and
Bows, &c.

NOTION DEPARTMENT.
Cotton, Pins, Needles, Thread, Buttons, Em-
broidery, Zephyr Worsted, Shetland Wool, German-
town Wool, Saxony Yarns, &c.
C. M. ADAMS, No. 92 King st.

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.
DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.
The firm of A. H. NOTT & BRO. is this
day dissolved by mutual consent. All parties
having claims against the firm will present them
for settlement. All parties indebted to us will
please come forward and settle.
ANDREW H. NOTT,
ALEX. J. NOTT.

**HAVING DISPOSED OF OUR STOCK
and good will to Messrs. McLean & Uhler,
we respectfully solicit the liberal patronage ex-
tended us by our friends and the public gen-
erally, and hope by strict attention to business
to merit a liberal share of their patronage.
DONALD McLEAN,
GEO. UHLER.**

M. McLEAN & UHLER.
(Successors to A. H. Nott & Bro.)
DEALERS IN
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, CUTLERY,
PLATED, PLAIN, STAMPED,
JAPANESE, TIN, WOOD
AND WILLOW
WARES,
(of every description.)
107 King street, Alexandria, Va.
N. B.—All orders from the country promptly
filled. ap 2-ly

A GREAT CONVENIENCE.
Save your time, labor and money by calling at
Mrs. S. K. SMITH'S
HAT STORE,
21 door from S. E. cor. King and Fairfax sts.,
To make your purchases in
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.
She has in store and is constantly receiving
large quantities of China and Queensware, Glass,
Tin, Wood and Willow Ware, Brushes of all
kinds, Basters, Brushes, Hair, Blacking, Lau-
dery, Lamp and Lamp Goods, all kinds of Il-
luminating Oils and Toys in great variety.
mh 21-6m

1877 SPRING TRADE 1877
W. B. WADDEY,
BOOTS AND SHOES
74 KING STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

The largest and best selected stock of Boots
and Shoes ever offered in this market. The
special attention of the trade is invited to our
stock of
LADIES', GENTS', MISSES', YOUTH'S,
CHILDREN'S and INFANTS' WEAR,
comprising all the varieties and new styles,
from the heavy Hrogan to the most delicate
Slipper—made to order, and of the very best
material.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS will find it
to their advantage to examine our stock from
which equally good selections can be made at
prices that will compare favorably with those
of the Northern cities.

In the RETAIL DEPARTMENT we have
all the latest styles of Ladies', Gents', Misses'
and Children's Boots, Shoes, Gaiters and Slip-
pers, finished in the most elegant style, and
warranted durable.

Our Word is Our Bond—Any goods we sell
with a verbal guarantee for certain service, such
as not to rip, etc., in a given time, will be men-
ded free of charge if found not to stand as rep-
resented.
mh 20 W. B. WADDEY.

Boots & Shoes.
We, the undersigned, respectfully solicit your
examination of our
New Spring and Summer Stock,

Before you spend a dollar elsewhere in our line,
and earnestly believe, if you will re-
member this invitation and call
and see us, it will be money
in your pockets and
good fun on
your feet.

WADDEY'S,
74 KING STREET,
mh 12 ALEXANDRIA, VA.

GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

**REDUCTION IN PRICES OF CHOICE
FAMILY BACON.**
10,000 LBS EXTRA BACON,
my own curing, put up with great care. For sale
at the following
REDUCED PRICES:
Sugar cured HAMS 12c.
BREAST PICES 12c.
SHOULDERS 10c.
SIDES and JOWLS at like re-
duction in rates. Also PURE LARD,
in small packages and tins, at reduced prices.
Call early at
SAM'L J. KREDES,
mh 12 74 south Fairfax street.

R. W. AVERY,
Dealer in
CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROU-
RIES, WINE LIQUORS, &c., &c.,
236 King st., cor. Alfred,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

NEW STORE!
NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!
The subscriber respectfully announces that
he has taken the store
NO. 117 KING STREET,
and is prepared to offer a full and carefully se-
lected stock of
FINE FAMILY GROCERIES
at prices which cannot fail to please. Goods
delivered promptly to all parts of the city, and
satisfaction guaranteed in every particular. An
inspection of stock solicited.
my 6-1f P. J. DAVIDSON.

W. A. JOHNSON,
GROCERY, LIQUOR, FEED AND COM-
MISSION MERCHANT,
Northeast Corner Cameron and Royal streets
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
All orders from the country will receive
prompt and careful attention. jun 28-1f

G. GEORGE McBURNEY & SON,
Dealers in
CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROU-
RIES, WINE AND LIQUORS,
ENGLISH and SCOTCH ALE and BEER
STOUT.
Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRI-
NG and MACKEREL.
NOB. 166 AND 170 KING STREET,
(Washington Hall Building.)
Alexandria, Va. mh 14-1f

W. M. RAMSAY,
WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,
—AND—
TEA DEALER.
S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS.,
NOV 22-4f Alexandria, Va.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
THOMAS PERRY, Agent,
GENERAL.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 17 King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Agent for the sale of
ISAAC WENGER'S
CELEBRATED FAMILY FLOUR.

PHILIP B. HOPE,
NO. 2 PRINCE STREET
GENERAL
COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANT
Dealer in all kinds of
FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER
Agent of the
LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY.
feb 6-1f

J. C. & E. MILBURN,
Wholesale and Retail
GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 19 N. Royal st., cor. Market Space,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
Orders and consignments solicited. They will
receive careful and prompt attention. ly 2

R. B. LAWSON & CO.,
[Successors to R. M. Lawson.]
GROCERS AND LIQUOR MERCHANTS,
No. 67 Cameron street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
GEO. WASHINGTON, R. J. WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON & BROTHER
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
NO. 20 UNION STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all
kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special
attention given to all business entrusted to them.
Prompt returns made. ap 21

W. A. SMOOT,
DEALER IN
COAL, SALT AND PLASTER;
SMOOT & WILKINSON,
(Foot of Princess St.),
Alexandria, Virginia.
feb 21-1f

J. BRODERS & CO.,
No. 11 King street,
Alexandria, Va.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Wholesale Dealers in
GROCERIES,
LIQUORS,
PROVISIONS,
SALT FISH,
and PRODUCE.
Also keep on hand a general assortment of
Cordage, Tars, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils,
Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores.
All orders and consignments promptly attend-
ed to, and goods forwarded without delay to con-
signees on arrival.
Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder,
XXX Ales and Porter on hand.
Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Trans-
portation line. mh 10-1f

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
H. JACOBS
Desires to inform the public that he has again
taken possession of his old stand, next door to
the Gazette office, on Prince street, and will be
happy to see all of his former patrons and any-
body else who wants a pleasant and artistic
SHAVE or HAIR CUT. jan 30-1f

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!—We have
various kinds in stock, which will be sold at about
HALF PRICE. Call and examine them.
D. F. BRASHEAR,
109 King-st., Alexandria, Va.
ap 4

**A PRIME LOT OF
NEW CROP
NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES**
received this day and for sale by
R. W. AVERY, 236 King st.
mh 9

MESSINA ORANGES received and for
sale low by
mh 8 F. J. DAVIDSON, 117 King st.

"LA FAVORITA" MACARONI is the
best brand made. For sale by
G. W. M. RAMSAY.
ENGLISH and SCOTCH ALE and London
Brown Stout for sale by
GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.

Take Simmons' Liver Regulator
For all diseases of the Liver, Stomach and Spleen.
WILL CURE
DYSPEPSIA.
I MUST OWN that your
Simmons' Liver Regulator
fully deserves the populari-
ty it has attained. As a fam-
ily medicine it has no equal.
It cured my wife of a mela-
ny I had contemplated incurable
—that willbaffle our Amer-
ican people. Dyspepsia,
A. E. P. ALBERT,
Professor in Nicholas Pub-
lic School, Parish of Tor-
rebonne, La.

MALARIAL FEVER.
You are at liberty to use my name in praise
of your Regulator as prepared by you, and re-
commended to every one as the best preventive
for Fever and Ague in the world. I plant in
southwestern Georgia, near Albany, Georgia,
and must say that it has done more good on my
plantation among my negroes than any medi-
cine I ever used. It supersedes quinine if taken
in time. Yours, &c., Hon. B. H. HILL, Ga.

**CHILDREN—Your Reg-
ulator is superior to any other
remedy for Malaria, Dys-
pepsia among children, and
it has a large sale in this sec-
tion of Georgia.—[W. M.
Russell, Albany, Ga.]**

CONSTIPATION.
TESTIMONY OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
OF GEORGIA.—I have used Simmons' Liver
Regulator for constipation of my bowels, caused
by a temporary derangement of the liver, for
about three or four years, and always, when
used according to the directions, with decided
benefit. I think it is a good medicine for the
derangement of the liver—at least such has been
my personal experience in the use of it.
HIRSHAM WARNER,
Chief Justice of Georgia.

SECK HEADACHE.
EDITORIAL.—We have
tested its virtues, personally,
and know that for Dyspep-
sia, Biliousness and Throat-
ing Headache, it is the best
medicine the world ever saw.
We have tried forty other
remedies before Simmons'
Liver Regulator, but none
of them gave us more than
temporary relief; but the
Regulator not only relieved
but cured us.—[Editor Tele-
graph and Messenger, Ma-
con, Ga.]

COLIC AND GRUBBS IN HORSES.
Having had during the last twenty years of
my life to attend to Racing Stock and having
had so much trouble with them with Colic,
Grubbs, &c., gave me a great deal of trouble.
Having heard of your Regulator as a cure for
the above diseases, I concluded to try it. After
trying one package I made I found it to cure
my horse in five minutes. I can send you
certificates from Augusta, Clinton and Macon
as to the cure of horse.
GEORGE WAYMAN
Macon, Ga., July 24th, 1875.

Genuine prepared only by
J. H. ZELIN & COMPANY,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
jan 11-1f
Established 1792.
EDW'D. S. LEADBEATER, THOS. LEADBEATER,
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.
No. 5 and 7 S. Fairfax st.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

**PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES; CHEM-
ICALS, PAINTS, OILS, PROPRIETARY
MEDICINES, GARDEN SEEDS,
SPICES, AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS, FIRE-
LET GOODS, &c., &c.**
Proprietors of Anodyne, Peppermint, Lubricating
Limeoil, Benzoin, Jamaica Ginger and Cough
Syrup, and Agents for Ayer's Medicines, Aver-
ill's Chemical Paints, &c.
Every effort will be made to maintain the high
reputation of our old establishment. dec 19

**SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MAHON H. JANNEY,
A. A. WARFIELD, C. J. W. SUMMERS.**

JANNEY & CO.
DEALERS IN
DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS, PERFUMERIES,
ACIDS, SPICES, GARDEN SEEDS,
PATENT MEDICINES AND
WINDOW GLASS.
Nos. 73 & 145 King street, Alexandria, Va.

Physicians' Prescriptions accurately com-
pounded DAY or NIGHT at No. 73, Night bell at
the King street door.
Orders and inquiries from the country
promptly attended to at No. 145. oct 9-1f

NOTICE—Having purchased the stock and
good will of the DRUG STORE formerly
occupied by Mr. C. B. BRIGG, at the northwest
corner of King and Royal streets, we have thor-
oughly refitted and renovated the same, and
supplied it with a FIRST CLASS STOCK of
everything pertaining to the DRUG BUSI-
NESS, and propose to carry it on as a branch of
our establishment at No. 145 King street.
The branch store will be under the charge of Mr. C.
J. W. SUMMERS, whom we have associated
with us in business, and who will be prepared to
compound Physicians' Prescriptions, or dis-
pensate medicines at any hour of the day or night.
Night bell at the King street door.
oct 9-1f JANNEY & CO.

**WARFIELD & HALL,
DRUGGISTS**
COR. PRINCE & FAIRFAX STS.
Prescriptions a specialty. English, French,
German and Domestic Toilet Soaps; Genuine
Fenice Cologne; Magnolia, Heliosmia, Gerani-
um and Florida Water; Genuine Lubin's Ex-
tracts; Sponges, Hair Brushes and Combs; best
English Tooth Brushes; a full assortment of
Patent Medicines; Cox's's Gaidine; Corn
Starch; Sea Moss; Fenice Spices of all kinds,
and a select stock of all articles sold by drug-
gists at prices as low as the same quality can be
obtained elsewhere. dec 1

W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDI-
CINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS,
GARDEN SEED, &c., &c., &c., &c.
No. 55 King street, (under Sarcina Hall),
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compound-
ed. Orders will receive prompt attention.
mh 21-1f

NEW ORLEANS and other grades of
SUGARS received this day and for sale at
bottom prices by
dec 21 R. W. AVERY, 236 King st.

CECARTURS, Whisk Brums, Fancy and
Feather Dusters, Hesth Brums, &c., just
received.
dec 21 G. E. McBURNEY & SON.

COOKING GREENS, Bried Cherries, Peel-
ed and Unpeeled Peaches and Dried App-
les for sale by
J. C. & E. MILBURN.

10 BOXES PRIME N. Y. CHEESE, also
50 lbs dry Pennsylvania Gladen Butter re-
ceived this day by
W. A. JOHNSON.

OAT CRITS, fresh, just received by
J. C. & E. MILBURN.

Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1877.

Historical Fictions.
To the editor of the Richmond Whig:

In your paper of the 16th March I find the
following anecdote of "Washington's Boyhood."
It purports to be taken from an article on "The
Historic Buildings of America," in Potter's
American Monthly for June. In it Dr. Loss-
ing tells a delightful anecdote, introducing us
to the early boyhood of Washington and his
friend, Richard Henry Lee. The anecdote is
told in connection with an account of Stratford
House, the family seat of the Lee family, and
is as follows:

"It (Stratford House) is only a mile from the
birthplace of Washington, and stood in the
midst of a highly cultivated country, dotted
with the mansions of people who formed a very
refined society. There Washington and Rich-
ard Henry Lee undoubtedly often played to-
gether, and within that mile between the dwell-
ings was the scene of the following correspond-
ence when they were boys only nine years old,
there being only a few weeks difference between
their ages. Little Lee wrote:

"I brought me two pretty books full of
pictures of dogs and cats and tigers and eleph-
ants and ever so many pretty things cousin bids me
send you one of them it has a picture of an
elephant and a little indian boy on his back like
uncle Joe's sam I'a says if I learn my tasks good
he will let uncle Jo bring me to see you will you
ask your ma to let you come to see me.

"RICHARD HENRY LEE."
"To this note little Washington replied:

"Dear Dickey I thank you very much for
the pretty picture book you gave me. I saw
asked me to show him the pictures and I showed
him all the pictures in it, and I read to him
how the tame elephant took care of the mas-
ter's little boy, and put him on his back and
would not let anybody touch his master's son.
I can read three or four pages sometimes with-
out missing a word. Ma says I may go to see
you and stay all day with you if it is not rainy.
She says I may ride on my pony Hero if Uncle
Ben will go with me and lead Hero. I have a
little piece of poetry about the picture-book
you gave me, but I mustn't tell you who wrote
the poetry.

"G. W.'s compliments to R. H. L.:
"And likes his books full well,
Henceforth will count his friend,
And hopes many happy days he may spend."
"Your friend,
"GEORGE WASHINGTON."

It would prove an endless and laborious task
to correct all the fictions of modern history.
The foregoing incidents, as related, are trivial
and unimportant; but trivial as they are they
deserve to be contradicted. There are two con-
spicuous errors and extravagant impossibilities,
besides several inherent improbabilities, in the
preceding narrative.

First. As to the age of Washington at the
period at which the letters between Lee and
himself are stated to have passed. Sparks
(credited an authentic and truthful biograph-
er of Washington) writes as follows:

"At the time of George Washington's birth
his father resided near the banks of the Potomac,
in Westmoreland county, but he removed
not long afterwards to an estate owned by him
in Stafford county, on the east side of the Rap-
pahannock river, opposite Fredericksburg. Here
he lived till his death, which happened after a
sudden and short illness on the 12th of April,
1743, at the age of forty-nine."

Now, Washington was born in 1732. "Not
long afterwards" his father removed to Stafford.
His father died in 1743. The interval between
Washington's birth and his father's death was,
therefore, about eleven years. From this state-
ment it may be clearly inferred that Washing-
ton was not more than four or five years old—
if at all—when his father removed from West-
moreland to Stafford; and this accords with
neighborhood tradition. He could not then
have been nine years old when the alleged cor-
respondence occurred between R. H. Lee and
himself.

Second. In regard to the distance between
Stratford and Washington's birthplace—stated
by the writer to be one mile; this blunder is
more easily detected and exposed, for these
notorious places are fixed and certain points,
and determined by geographical location. In
an air-line from the birthplace to Stratford the
distance is not less than six miles, with Pope's
Creek intervening. By the road traveled, head-
ing Pope's Creek, the distance is from ten to
eleven miles. Eaten either way, it exposes
and refutes the one mile invention of the histo-<