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LOST—DOG—$10 REWARD—Dr. Kane's Esquimaux Dog Toodlemick. Any person who will return the same shall receive the above reward. de26b D. C. LARUE.

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Gold Neck Chains, worth	12	each.
Gold Bracelets, worth	10	each.
Sets of Jewelry, worth from	$10 to 25	each.
Sets Solid Silver Tea spoons, worth	10	each.
Silk Dresses, worth	25	each.

ALSO—A variety of useful and valuable articles not enumerated above, worth from fifty cents to $50.
A. A. KELLEY,
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[de19bw]

THE PRESS.

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CITY NEWS.

☞ Penny Press to be had every morning at the Counting-room door. Only one cent.

PRINTER WANTED.—See advertisement of printer wanted.

A LIBERAL LANDLORD.—Dr. Cahill, proprietor of the Madison House, yesterday gave suitable presents to all his domestics, male and female, and entertained them sumptuously at a Christmas dinner. No wonder the Doctor is popular.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS—For the *Penny Press*, by Henry Ware, Optician, No. 7 West Fourth-street, December 26.

O'clock.	Barometer.	Thermometer.
7 A. M.	29.24	44
12 M.	29.35	48
5 P. M.	29.47	45

THE VERANDAH.—The supper-room at the Verandah is tastefully arranged for the festival of the Masons to be given there to-night. Henry Alms gave a social dancing party last night, which was a pleasant gathering. Menter's music inspired the dance.

CAVAGNA'S OYSTERS.—If you have not yet tasted the excellent qualities of Peter Cavagna's oysters, we would say, procrastinate no longer, but at once go to 31 West Fifth-street and get a can, and you will undoubtedly pronounce them the finest bivalves ever sent to this city. They are received daily.

HOLIDAY OYSTERS.—Bear in mind that notwithstanding the great rush yesterday for the celebrated Maltby Baltimore oysters, at Robert Orr's, No. 11 West Fifth-street, he has still an inexhaustible supply. They are indeed delicious, and are justly called the "*ne plus ultra*."

EUCHARISTIC.—We are indebted to Mr. N. Morris, No. 264 Race-street, for a splendid cake with which he favored us yesterday. His confectionery establishment is one of the finest in the city, and if the specimen which he has sent us be a fair one, his cakes are quite as fine; for it was light, delicious, and just such an one a Ganymede might have given to Jove.

MAN'S POCKET PICKED.—A man named Samuel Clifford had his pocket picked last night, at the Melodeon Hall, of a porte-monnaie containing $6 in money and two checks, one for $367 and the other for $100. The thief was arrested, but dodged the officers on Fourth-street, and, running along Bank-alley, succeeded in making good his escape.

ANOTHER ARREST FOR KEEPING A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE.—The notorious Julia Dye, whom the officers of the city seem determined to drive from it, was arrested yesterday, upon a charge of keeping a disreputable house. She was committed to the Ninth-street Station-house, but shortly afterward released upon giving bail for her appearance before the Police Court this morning.

EXEGETICAL.—We were mistaken yesterday in stating that the school-teacher who had been so cruelly betrayed and deserted, was educated at the High-school and received her certificate in this city. The error originated with the person to whom she told her story, who misunderstood her in in regard to the locality, which it appears was one of the extreme south-eastern counties of this State.

BOY'S HAND MANGLED BY THE USE OF FIRE ARMS.—A lad about twelve years of age, named John Dury, while firing off a pistol yesterday afternoon, near the corner of Ninth and Western-row, had two of the fingers of his left hand torn entirely off by the premature discharge of his pistol. He was taken to the residence of his parents located near the place where the accident occurred, when a physician was summoned who relieved his pain and dressed his wound.

UNPAID LETTERS.—The following is a list of letters detained for non-payment of postage at the Postoffice, in this city, December 26:

Meyler Berrick, New York City.
Thomas A. Curran, Maysville, Ky.
John Dearing, Bay Springs, Tenn.
James Dearing, Memphis, Tenn.
Nelson Franklin, Circleville, O.
L. Moses, Nashville, Tenn.
Wilson Morrow, Brookville, Ind.
Amos Rogers, Xenia, O.

MID-DAY BURGLARY.—The residence of a man named John L. Thompson, located on George-street, a short distance west of Linn, was entered yesterday afternoon, while the family was absent, and robbed of money to the amount of $28, and wearing apparel to the value of about thirty dollars more. The burglar or burglars, entered the horse through the alley and a back window, and apparently ransacked the house from top to bottom. The scoundrels with which our city is infested, seem to be growing bolder daily, and no place or time is sacred to them.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The Board met at the usual hour, President King in the chair. The resignation of Miss Helena C. Guysse, first female assistant in the Seventh District School, was accepted, and the usual certificate awarded. Miss DeChamp was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Seventh District, occasioned by the resignation of Miss Guysse.

The following communication from the City Solicitor was received and filed:

DECEMBER 20, 1859.

W. F. HURLBUT, Clerk of the School Board: I have examined the subject referred to in your communication of the 15th inst., and find that the city has a valid claim against A. F. Perry, assignee of Ellis & Sturges, for a part of school lot occupied by him, and that the rights of the city in the premises can only be secured by obligations instituted for that purpose. I shall therefore regard it as my duty to bring suit to recover said ground, unless the School Board shall otherwise direct.
Respectfully, R. B. HAYS, City Solicitor.

POLICE COURT.—Holidays, by some peculiarity in the nature of men, always brings drunkenness, and this is inevitably followed by disorderly conduct, which, to a certain class, bring incarceration. Thirty-six cases of this kind were before Judge Lowe yesterday morning, but as they contained nothing of importance, and were dull, as drunken persons usually are, we refrain from their publication. We give one or two, however, of a different nature, partly because they have heretofore been noticed in our columns.

Joseph Connelly, who so seriously stabbed Michael Whalen at a bagnio on Lodge-street, on Saturday last, was committed to jail in default of bail to the amount of $500, to answer the charge in the Police Court, on next Tuesday.

James Walden, who was arrested at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last upon a charge of pocket-picking, was deemed guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and be imprisoned in the County Jail for a term of six months. The evidence against him was thought to be of the most conclusive character, no less than eight pocket-books being found upon his person.

Henry Ape, the fellow who was arrested upon a charge of feloniously entering Frey's Exchange, on Fifth-street, between Walnut and Vine, was committed in default of bail to the amount of $500 for further examination this morning.

The Pioneers—The Festival Last Night.

At the supper table of the Verandah last night, the veteran Col. John Johnston presided. The feast prepared by Alm's was even more grateful to the pioneer's taste than that partaken at the former festival at the Burnet House. When the supper was over, the pioneers commenced in spirited reminiscence of olden days. Col. Johnston narrated his adventures while at the present site, where Ft. Washington was the nucleus of the village. He arrived here a lad of seventeen, in 1792. His story is always full of incident. He is the model of the almost extinct race of honest public officers.

John Whetstone came to Columbia in 1792, four years of age. He spoke of the incidents of his boyhood, and commented on the progress of the city. Wm. B. Dodson, who reached here in 1794—Jacob Hoffner in 1805—Peyton S. Symmes, who was at school here sixty years ago—Thomas Henry Yeatman, whose father was one of the most noted early settlers of the city—Henry E. Spencer, whose grandfather was taken prisoner when a lad by the Indians, between Cincinnati and Columbia—Stephen Wheeler, who came to the city in the winter of 1800—all told interesting personal narratives of early days, which our space will not allow us to report. Jesse Coleman was present, who, as a child, was with Stite's party, which reached Columbia, November, 1788.

Henry E. Spencer made feeling allusion to the memory of the departed members of the Association. The following list was read:

THE PIONEERS DEAD.

Samuel Lowry, born Ireland, 29 Sept., 1788, came to Cincinnati March 1811; died Oct. 5, 1857. Rev. Ezra Ferris, born April 26, 1783; died at Lawrenceburg April 19, 1857. Levi Buckingham, born 1795; died in Clermont County Oct. 1, 1857. Abraham Larew, born May 14, 1775; died April 1, 1858; John L. Avery, born in New Jersey, January 17, 1789, came to Cincinnati 1857; died May 20, 1858. Geo. T. W. Williamson, born May 10, 1804; died in London Dec. 25, 1858. Daniel S. Piatt, born March, 1811; died January 27, 1859. Henry Craven, born in Pennsylvania, 1787, came to Cincinnati December, 1805; died March, 1857. Jonathan Pancoast, born in New York, November 11, 1767, came to Cincinnati October, 1806; died March 20, 1859. U. S. McDowell, born November 5, 1811; died September 21, 1859. Fuller James McBride, born November 2, 1788, came to Cincinnati 1807; died at Hamilton, Butler Co., Monday, October 3, 1859. Horatio Gates Phillips, born December 21, 1783, came to Dayton 1805; died in that place November 10, 1859.

Pioneer songs and songs of the pioneers were sung by Mr. Warwood, and the veterans closed their interesting reunion. On Saturday night they meet at the Council Chamber, to hold their annual election of officers.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE PHILOSOPHIC OWLS.—A deputation of the Philosophic Owls dined privately at the Gibson House yesterday afternoon, and were most hospitably entertained by Col. Geoffroy, the proprietor, who was elected an honorary Owl for that memorable occasion. The following toasts, some of which we can not comprehend, have been handed us for publication:

THE TWO PERFECT WOMEN—One of whom is dead and the other can not be found. By the Calibanic Owl.

THE MEMORY OF THOMAS DE QUINCEY—His death is the introduction to a literary immortality. By the Italian Owl.

THE HAPPIEST OF THE PARTES ORTHOI—While resisting Hymen, they never can be otherwise. By the Anti-Connubial Owl.

LOVE—The incomprehensible sybil; ever the Cassandra of bliss, because always an ideal. By the Colsonic Owl.

MATRIMONY—The life-tragedy wherein every scene is a living death. By the Operatic Owl.

MINERVA'S BIRD—The emblem of our society, the fate that conquers fate by constant thought and no syllable of speech. By the Sentimental Owl.

THE ACTIO AMORIS—Pleasurable from its metaphysicism, concentrating eternity in an idea. By the Colossal Owl.

JOURNALISM—The explanation of the fable of Sisyphus—ever cursed the rock-rollers in the actual. By the Agassizean Owl.

THE WORLD—A farcical tragedy, where those who laugh are the greatest Ixions. By the Bodleian Owl.

ART—The enduring Memnon, which, before the sun of sympathy, makes musical the world. By the Morphic Owl.

THE STATUES OF PHIDIAS—The sculptured poems that touch the universal heart. By the Praxitelean Owl.

THE GREEK TRAGEDIES—The earliest inspiration of the eldest gods that finds its truest though latest response in the Columbian heart. By the Beloochistanic Owl.

SHAKESPEARE—The Jesus of the intellectual world—he outwrought the Titans, and created the only miracles of mind. By the Sophoclean Owl.

KANT, FICHTE AND PARACELSUS—Only comprehended in essence by the Owls—the illuminated trinity that shines even in the sempiternal eclipses of the literary Luna. By the Drawcansirious Owl.

What or who the Philosophic Owls are, as we have said before, we can not say; but as they appear devoted in some mysterious mode to literature and art, we trust they may prosper in their enigmatic way.

OBSERVATION OF CHRISTMAS IN CINCINNATI. Yesterday was a beautiful day overhead, and the temperature mild as a day in April or May, but the streets and sidewalks, on account of the thaw, were in a very disagreeable condition for pedestrians. The mire and moisture seemed to have no effect, however, in this particular, as the streets were thronged all day, and the city wore the semblance of a holiday.

There was no regular celebration, but all persons observed their own Christmas.

A number of the hotels set luxurious dinners, having concluded, unlike the Burnet, Spencer and Broadway, to observe the 26th inst. as Christmas. We were at the Gibson House, and must say that Col. Geoffroy eclipsed himself as a caterer and *waitre de cuisine*. Nothing was wanting at his hospitable board either at the *table d'hote* or the guests. Dr. F. P. Cahill, of the Madison, made a magnificent display of edibles, and served up a dinner that any epicure would have been delighted with. We are happy to learn of the Doctor's increasing success.

Christmas passed off rather quietly, though there was about the usual amount of drunkenness and disturbance, without any grave infraction of the peace. The arrests were few, comparatively speaking, and not a serious accident occurred anywhere in the city.

In the evening, the opera-house, the theaters, concert-rooms, fairs and other places of public amusements were crowded, while the drinking-saloons rang with the clatter of glasses and the roar of bacchanals until an early hour of the morning.

The Banks, Merchants' Exchange, Public Libraries, public offices, all of the wholesale and many of the retail stores were closed, and the day seemed much like a sabbath.

ROW ON LIBERTY-STREET.—A man whose name we were unable to learn, yesterday afternoon went to the house of a man named William Hart, on Liberty-street, between Sycamore and Broadway, and demanded payment for some work he had done; but as he had been hired to do the work for Hart by a man named Brown, he was referred to the last-named individual for the money. He refused to go, however, and became angry, and from words the parties proceeded to blows, which finally brought the police, who arrested Hart. He and his wife resisted the officers for some time, and at last put them out of the house and locked the door upon them. The woman became alarmed at length, and went to the Ninth-street Station-house, where a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Hart, who was subsequently taken to that place by Officer Cook, and released upon giving bail for his appearance this morning.

A PROSPECTIVE DUEL SETTLED.—It is reported that a challenge passed in our city, a day or two ago, between a gentleman well known in literary circles, and a prominent actor attached to one of our theaters. The preliminaries were nearly arranged, when a distinguished tragedian, having very kindly volunteered to act as mediator, settled the affair without resource to arms. As the meeting did not take place, we forbear to mention names, but must express our gratification at the peaceful termination of the difficulty.

ACCIDENT TO AN EQUESTRIAN.—A man, whose name we were unable to learn, while riding along Fourth-street yesterday afternoon, was thrown from his horse to the pavement, in front of Shillito's store, but was not seriously injured.

AMUSEMENTS.

PIKE'S OPERA-HOUSE.—This elegant establishment was crowded to excess last night, by one of the most brilliant audiences ever assembled within its walls. MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM was put upon the stage in the most excellent style, better perhaps than ever before in this country, and with a few mistakes, which somewhat marred the harmony of the ballet, passed off admirably. The play has been compressed slightly and some portions of it cut out; but this is always done, and necessarily too, with the productions of Shakespeare; nevertheless, the drama as a whole, is now being represented at the Opera-house with a finer mise-en-scene and better stage-properties than ever before on this side the Atlantic.

The "Theseus" of Mr. Conway was quite easy and natural, and the "Oberon" of Mrs. Conway, in many respects all that could be desired. She seemed quite as jealous as the character is represented, and was graceful and easy as a fairy-king should be. Addie Proctor enacted "Titania" admirably. Proud and disdainful, she seemed, until horror-struck by awaking to find herself in dreadful reality in love with an ass-headed mortal, which, under the influence of the mystic flower, appeared to her lovely as herself. And "Puck," the mischievous, in the hands of Viola Crocker, averring that he could 'put a girdle round the earth in forty seconds" was very natural, and everybody believed she could do it, too, for she found the hearts of the audience a far more difficult task.

We have not space to speak of this play and performance analytically, as we should like to do; but advise every true lover of art and of Shakspeare to do himself the justice to witness this superb production.

NATIONAL THEATER.—Miss Jean Marie Davenport drew quite a large audience last night to the National, and highly pleased them, too, with her admirable impersonation of "Lionie Arnauld." Miss D. is the most finished artiste now on the American stage, and she carries this minuteness of detail into every character she represents. Every expression of which any passion is capable, seems to play across her features at will, and every gesture is made, and every attitude taken with a precision which appears to be artless, and yet is the highest art. This may seem high praise, but it is just, and if any person have a desire to see a finished, thoroughly polished impersonation, they should not fail to witness this estimable lady.

The play last night was not at all what it might be made, and the awkwardness of a first representation was apparent. This, however, will pass off with another rehearsal, and to-night THE MESALLIANCE will be performed in better style. The entertainment will close with THE TWO QUEENS.

WOOD'S THEATER.—The audience at this establishment was overflowing, and it was almost impossible for all who were in the house to obtain a view of the stage. Both the plays were admirably put upon the stage, and enacted finely. The bill for to-night comprises the new local piece entitled the OHIO GIRLS, and the superb oriental spectacle of BLUE BEARD.

THE CONCERT BY LITTLE MARY MCVICKER. What has been written and said about the delicious little girl does not convey a complete idea of her wonderful power. She is an actress as well as singer already, and her imitations are very fine. Her voice is clear, sweet and sympathetic, and her manner graceful, piquant and easy.

Mr. Squires appeared to a much better advantage in the Concert-room than in Opera; for his voice and style are admirably adapted for the one, while both lacks power in the other. COME GENTLE AND COME INTO THE GARDEN MOUD, were sung with excellent taste last night and warmly applauded. The Concert will be repeated this evening.

SMITH & NIXON'S HALL.—The Arctic Panorama will be exhibited this afternoon at Smith & Nixon's Hall for the last time, and those who desire to witness it must avail themselves of the present opportunity.

Monetary and Commercial.

As Christmas was generally observed in Third-street yesterday, we have nothing to mention respecting monetary matters. The banking-houses were all closed, and quietness reigned in the usually busy quarter.

The following is a comparative statement of the imports of foreign Dry Goods at the port of New York for the past week, and since January 1:

	1857.	1858.	1859.
For the week.			
Entered at the port...	$314,518	$381,652	$2,499,408
Thrown on market..	287,856	461,621	2,364,323
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port...	$90,244,733	$57,732,928	$110,215,400
Thrown on market..	81,304,174	65,777,629	103,742,145

The supply of Money in New York continues easy on call, and for all first-class business paper at 6 to 7 per cent. The papers notice no budding stringency at present, in that city, though Government is coming into the market for $3,000,000, which it needs to pay out again as soon as received. The market will also be benefited by the payment of the usual January dividends and interest. Good second class paper and single names are taken sparingly at 8 to 10 per cent.

Most St. Louis packers will close operations by the end of this week, and it is estimated the number packed there this season will be about 70,000 or 75,000, a much smaller number than was first expected, but some 20,000 more than last season.

CINCINNATI HORSE MARKET.—The City Horse Market for the week ending last evening was duller than during the previous week, without any particular change in its condition. The sales were: At C. E. I. Rider's 65 head sold for $5,720; at Daniel Carney's 95 head for $7,600; at B. Jenifer's 48 head for $3,936; at Miller, Eastwood & Co's. 68 head for $6,630, at D. & P. Riley's 18 head for $1,872. Total 292 head sold for $25,958. The receipts are still from Ohio and Indiana and the demand from the South. Prices are unchanged, but the supply has improved.

RIVER NEWS.

The River continues to decline at this point, but the ice is diminishing, and the warm weather gives steamboat men the hope of an open river all winter. The ferries made regular trips yesterday without difficulty, but few boats departed as the day was devoted to the cause of—Christmas.

The weather was warm and very pleasant, more resembling spring than mid-winter. The thawing process continued, rendering the streets and the wharf very disagreeable.

Business at the Landing was nearly suspended, in honor of the day. Very few boats departed, and offerings of freight were light. No change occurred in the rates.

COVINGTON NEWS.

COLD WATER AS AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE SUICIDAL MANIA.—Cold water in all ages of the world has had its traducers, and not till recently has the least among its ten thousand medicinal virtues been recognized as having an existence. One by one, however, its healing properties have overcome the prejudices entertained against them, and the reluctant world has been gradually compelled to do them homage. It is now admitted that water is a passable beverage when nothing better can be obtained; and it has also been admitted that it preserves the health quite as well as Ohio Rectified Whisky, though vastly inferior in that respect to "Old Bourbon." Besides these qualities it is known to possess considerable virtue as a cutaneous purifier, if applied to the face, although there are persons who seem to think its effects would be most disastrous if applied to the body.

Recently, however, we witnessed its application in an entirely different capacity from anything heretofore known, and its remarkable success will no doubt be recorded in all the medical periodicals in the United States, and will be incorporated in the new edition of Beeks's Dispensatory.

The patient was a middle-aged German, a resident of this city, whose previous beverage had been delicious and unadulterated lager, the immaculate conception of whose medicinal qualities he had never doubted.

Having business in Cincinnati, this man, who was an unfortunate benedict, stepped on the ferry-boat accompanied by his better half, a woman possessed of an iron will that knew no limit to its exactions, and the twain took a seat outside the cabin. But even here, when shame ought to have kept her silent, the wretched Caudle was made the recipient of a lecture such as never greeted the ears of his prototype in misfortune. A large crowd assembled around to witness the scene—females rejoicing at what they fancied a triumph of their oppressed sex—husbands recalling to mind trying scenes through which they had passed—bachelors thanking their lucky stars for the sphere in life the fates had assigned them—and expectant bridegrooms trembling as they contemplated the peculiarly pleasant feelings they should experience during the reception of the first lecture after the expiration of the honey-moon.

The ridicule of the crowd was too much for the victim to bear. Maddened by his reflections, grieved by the bitter and poignant words of his wife, and overtaken by despair, he leaped into the river when the boat was about one hundred yards from the shore, on the Cincinnati side. But how different the reception he received from that which he expected. Scarcely had he reached the aqueous element when his determination vanished, and gave place to a thought which completely intimidated him. The horror of meeting death at once wholly unnerved him, and with uplifted hands he prayed for assistance from the boat, but prayed in vain, for it was impossible to render him any. His cries, however, reached the shore, and after a desperate struggle he was picked up and carried thither. The heart of his wife, in the meantime, relented, and when she met him, she clasped him in her arms, vowing never again to forget her duty to her liege, while he declared that he had rather bear the ills of wedlock for a century, than to again seek death in the liquid arms of a half-frozen river.

CIRCUIT COURT.—William Dwelly, charged with robbing Laird's book store, some time since, was yesterday tried, convicted and sentenced to one year and nine months in the Penitentiary.

NEWPORT NEWS.

CHRISTMAS.—Our citizens yesterday celebrated Christmas in an appropriate manner. Although nearly every one resorted to some innocent amusement, few indulged intemperately in intoxicating drinks. Major Caldwell's billiard saloon was the center of attraction for the lovers of amusement. A large crowd was there during the whole day and the greater part of last night.

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A SCHOLAR'S OPINION OF DON QUIXOTTE.—The burning of Don Quixotte's Library is genially treated by "Tom Folio," in the Boston *Transcript*. He alludes to the rare old volumes of chivalry destroyed by those Vandals, the doctor and the priest, and speaks of the universal error of readers, in laughing at the book and forgetting its exquisite pathos. Indeed many readers think the Don a mere lunatic:

"But not so think readers that are readers—not so thinks Charles Lamb, who says that that man has read the book by halves who has laughed over it, 'mistaking the author's purpose, which was tears;—not so thinks William Hazlitt, who says that 'through the crazed and battered figure of the knight the spirit of chivalry shines in undiminished lustre;'—not so thinks John Ruskin, who says that true readers 'pass over the rude adventure and scurrile jest in haste, perhaps in pain, to penetrate beneath the rusty corslet, and catch from the wandering glance the evidence and expression of fortitude, self-devotion and universal love;'—not so thinks a friend of mine, who says that among all those knightly deeds that have been "told in story or sung in rhyme," there is not a more heroic man or true gentleman than Don Quixotte de la Mancha. Everybody—the priest, the barber, the inn-keepers, the gentleman in green, the canon of Toledo, the Duke and Duchess—everybody he conversed with charmed and amazed with his conversation, inasmuch that after listening to one of his eloquent harangues, one began to waver in his opinion as to his being a madman. And in truth, saving his hobby for knight-errantry, he was a saner man than the worthy priest himself. Though the Don mistook inns for castles, and wind-mills for giants, yet I maintain that he never did anything so foolish or so insane as the Signor Licentiate Pero Perez and his gossip, the barber, did in destroying their friend Quixotte's library, thereby to cure him of his passion for knight errantry."

WOMAN'S CONSTANCY AND THE PROVERBS THEREON.—"Women are variable as April weather"—(German.) "Women, wind and fortune soon change"—(Spanish.) Francis I, of France, wrote one day with a diamond on a window of the chateau of Chamboard,

"Souvent femme varie
Bien fou qui s'y fie."
"A woman changes oft;
Who trusts her is right soft."

His sister, Queen Margaret of Navarre, entered the room as he was writing the ungallant couplet, and, protesting against such a slander on her sex, she declared that she could quote twenty instances of man's fickleness. Francis retorted that her reply was not to the point, and that he would rather hear one instance of woman's constancy. "Can you mention a single instance of her inconstancy?" asked the Queen of Navarre. It happened that a few weeks before this conversation a gentleman of the court had been thrown into prison upon a serious charge; and his wife, who was one of the Queen's ladies in waiting, was reported to have eloped with his page. Certain it was that the page and the lady had fled, no one could tell whither. Francis triumphantly cited this case; but Margaret warmly defended the lady, and said that time would prove her innocence. The King shook his head, but promised that if, within a month, her character should be re-established, he would break the pane on which the couplet was written, and grant his sister whatever boon she might ask.

Many days had not elapsed after this, when it was discovered that it was not the lady who had fled with the page, but her husband. During one of her visits to him in prison they had exchanged clothes, and he was thus enabled to deceive the jailor and effect his escape, while the devoted wife remained in his place. Margaret claimed his pardon at the King's hand, who not only granted it, but gave a grand *fete* and tournament to celebrate this instance of conjugal affection. He also destroyed the pane of glass, but the calumnious saying inscribed on it has unfortunately survived.

HOME INTEREST.

☞ A. A. Eyster, Clocks, Watches and Jewelry, Nos. 341 and 271 Western-row.

☞ Eighteen hundred people got Pictures at the Broadway Gallery yesterday. Great reduction.

☞ Lockets, Pins and Rings, filled with superior Pictures at No. 58 Broadway. Extra plate-pictures taken.

☞ For Christmas Presents go to Albert Ross's, south-west corner of Eighth-street and Western-row.

☞ Pictures for Ten Cents can be had at Crouch's Gallery, No. 68 West Fourth-street. Every person is invited to call and see for themselves. [de24aw]

☞ Daguerrean Gallery, south-west corner of Sixth and Western-row, over Hannaford's drug-store. Pictures taken and put in good cases for twenty cents. Warranted to please.

☞ CLOTHING.—It is a fact which none will dispute, that Sprague & Co., south-east corner of Vine and Fourth, have the finest temple of fashion in the city. Their stock of Cloths and Cassimeres is superior to anything of the kind ever imported to the Queen City. Drop in and order a good suit of clothing.

☞ CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Stereoscopes in Mahogany, Rosewood and Leather; Stereoscopic Views in Groups, Statuary, Landscapes; Steel Bracelets, Brooches, Clasps, Buckles; Steel Slides for Bonnet and Dress Trimmings; Fans in Pearl, Ivory, Sandal-wood; Mourning Bracelets in Coral, Jet, Gold and Beads; Coral Necklaces, Shoulder Ties, Negligees; Wax Beads in White Coral, Blue, Lavender; Card Baskets, Card Receivers, Card Cases; Odor Stands, Odor Boxes, Toilet Bottles; Jewel Caskets, Jewel Boxes, Work Boxes; Writing Desks, Portfolios, Gold Pens; Crying Babies, Speaking Dolls, China Dolls, Wax Dolls, Ladies' Purses in Leather, Wire, Velvet, Pearl, Shell; Traveling Bags, Satchels, Cabas, Dressing Cases; Meerschaum Pipes, Snuff Boxes, Cigar Cases.
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de23dwTuTh Fourth and Walnut-streets.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE.—BY JACOB GRAFF & CO.—Sales-room No. 18 East Fourth-street. Second and Final Sale of Oil Paintings. On WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 28, at seven o'clock, we will sell in Pike's Opera Building, a large and splendid collection of Oil Paintings, which have been selected with great care, and on the most favorable occasions, in France and Germany, during the past year, and imported from Europe recently by Mr. L. A. Tolman, comprising valuable original pictures by eminent living artists, and fine copies of some of the most celebrated pictures by old masters, now in the different galleries of Europe. Among the subjects may be found Groups and Figures, life-size; Historical Subjects, Conversational Pieces, Architectural and Street Views in different European cities, Marine Views, Game, Fruit and Flower Pieces, Landscapes, &c., with a great variety of size and style, subject and finish, the whole forming, it is believed, one of the best collections ever offered in this city. The attention of the lovers of good pictures is respectfully invited to this sale.

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AUCTON SALE—BY KELLOGG & WILLIAMS—Sales-rooms Nos. 22 and 24 East Third-street—Variety Sale—On TUESDAY MORNING, December 27, at half-past nine o'clock, a large assortment of Jewelry, 500 volumes of Assorted Books, one Electrifying Machine; Galvanic Battery, and a large stock of Fancy Goods, Oil Brushes, Cologne, Porte-monnaies, &c.

At half-past 10 o'clock—3 casks of Yellow Stoneware, 25 pairs Blankets, Plated-ware, Table Cutlery, good Furniture, &c.

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