SOCIAL SCANDAL.

AN INTERESTING SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Dickman vs. Dickman—Short Story of an Unhappy Marriage—An Ex-Officer of the Navy and a Congressman's Daughter the Parties—Cruelty, Theft, Desertion and Infidelity Among the Causes Why a Wife Seeks Legal Relief.

Some six or eight months ago certain social circles in this District became somewhat disturbed with all manner of rumors respecting the unhappy relations existing between a young married couple who occupied a high position, and who had apparently every reason for smoothly and peacefully passing through the journey of life together. This couple were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dickman, who resided in a fine house at Uniontown, surrounded with all the luxuries which wealth and refinement could furnish. Painting and statuary adorned the walls, fine silver and china graced the table, servants answered to the call, and, to the careful observer, the possessors of the house must have been supremely happy. The master of the mansion was, several years before, an officer in the United States navy, and while in a foreign port met with Anna E. Davis, daughter of a member of Congress from the Syracuse district, New York, and who, with his family, was spending a season abroad. The young officer and the young lady soon formed an intimate acquaintance, the result of which was that in 1869 she became Mrs. Dickman, and shortly after removed to Washington to live.

A house was secured and elegantly furnished for the couple, the bride and her mother each contributing to its adornment with choice articles of furniture and *ceriis*, their personal property. As is always the case, for a year or two matters went on extremely well. The husband was kind and attentive, the wife dutiful and affectionate, but then a change came o'er the scene. Dickman had resigned his position, and was practicing law in the city. He had bought a house mostly with his wife's money, and then seemed to tire of her. What of ill there was in his nature showed itself, and from the kind husband he was transformed into a passionate and irascible tyrant, and sought pleasure in denunciation of his wife and mother-in-law. Then came frequent stories of his infidelities, next a threatened assault because she refused to join him in an attempt to break the will of her deceased father, and finally the crowning outrage as told by herself. She had borne her burdens until forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and turning in horror from the roof which should have been her haven, she forsook the man who had proved faithless to all his vows and sought rest and love in the protecting arms of her mother.

Satisfied that he was beyond reformation, she, after a short rest, took the preliminary steps to invoke the aid of the law in her behalf, and yesterday a petition setting forth the causes of her demand was filed in the Equity Court by Richard Harrington, esq., her attorney.

The petition sets forth that both plaintiff and defendant are residents of the District of Columbia; that they were married on the 30th day of March, 1869, in the city of New York, by Rev. Dr. Potter. "That after said marriage your complainant lived with the said defendant until the 8th day of March, A. D. 1873, during all of which time she verily believes she fulfilled her marital obligations and deported herself towards the said defendant in all respects as a true and loving wife until the said 8th day of March, 1873, when, in consequence of his cruelties, threats and indelicities, she sought the protection of her mother and the care of her family physician that she might recover from a disease which she had contracted from the defendant.

"Your complainant further avers that during all of her married life, and especially since December, 1871, the defendant was in the frequent habit of distressing and alarming your petitioner, by his passionate temper and continued threats and denunciations against your petitioner and her mother. That after the death of petitioner's father, in May, 1872, he became especially abusive toward your petitioner because of her continued refusal to contest the validity of her father's will; and that, in November of the same year, he threatened and offered to kick your petitioner down stairs.

"That during all this time your petitioner was in delicate health, and notwithstanding this fact he sought to control and intimidate your petitioner by the most abusive epithets toward her and her deceased father, at one time seizing and firing his pistol in order to aggrieve and intimidate your petitioner."

The next three counts charge adultery at different times and places, which are set forth.

"She further avers that the defendant has received from her the sum of about ten thousand dollars, and that he now owns and possesses real estate and other property in the District of Columbia and elsewhere valued at forty thousand dollars, and that your petitioner is apprehensive that the said defendant will secrete and dispose of his property. To the end, therefore, that your petitioner may be decreed to have a maintenance and alimony out of the estate and property of the defendant, may it please in court to issue an injunction enjoining and restraining the defendant from in any manner selling, incumbering or in any manner disposing of his real estate or other property until the relief hereby sought is adjudicated in this honorable court."

NORTHERN MARKET COMMISSION.

Meeting Yesterday—New Officers Elected.

The regular monthly meeting of the commission for the erection of the Northern market-house, on Corcoran square, was held yesterday at the Executive office, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventeenth street.

On motion of Mr. Bersley, Mr. Peter Campbell was selected as chairman and S. H. Bond secretary.

A letter was read from J. W. Thompson, tendering his resignation as a member of the commission.

On motion of Mr. Wall, the chairman was appointed a committee to wait on Governor Shepherd and inform him that the commission was ready to proceed with business, and to inquire if he had anything to lay before the body.

Mr. Thompson, on his return, reported that the Governor had nothing to communicate.

The resignation of Mr. Thompson was taken up, and, after brief discussion, Hon. Peter Campbell was elected permanent chairman.

Messrs. John A. Gray and S. H. Bond were placed on the building committee.

The building committee was directed to confer with the Governor and the contractor on the subject of the early resumption of the work on the Northern market.

On motion, S. H. Bond was elected permanent secretary, vice Dr. Tindall.

The names of Messrs. J. Dobbin, a clerk at the market, and J. Harris, a watchman, were dropped from the rolls.

Ezekiel Griffith was appointed watchman, vice Harris, removed. Adjourned.

NAVY YARD AFFAIRS.

Return of the Civil Engineer—A Draft of Sailors for the North Atlantic Squadron—Discharge of Workmen.

General Franklin A. Stratton, civil engineer of the yard, returned from California yesterday, and was heartily welcomed by the employees of his department. General Stratton, in connection with Civil Engineer Sanger, of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, has been absent from the city since September 20 as a member of the board of survey on the Mare Island navy yard.

A draft of one hundred sailors from the receiving ship Relief were sent to Norfolk yesterday, in charge of Commander W. W. Queen. These men will, on their arrival at Norfolk, be drafted to the different ships of the north Atlantic squadron. The tug Rescue conveyed the party to the Sixth-street wharf, where they were transferred on board the steamer Lady of the Lake, which sailed at 2 p. m.

The force at work renewing the roof the Eastern ship-house was further reduced yesterday by the discharge of three carpenters, nine helpers and five laborers. This makes a total reduction, within the past ten days, of the force employed on this job of seventy-five. This does not indicate a slackness of work in the yard. These men were employed for the purpose of renewing the roof, and they had to be discharged before their services could again be required to perform other work.

PISCATORIAL.

The Great Falls Fishing Club.

The annual meeting of the Great Falls Fishing Club was held last night at the usual place, and, after the transaction of considerable business, the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Charles L. Whelpley; vice president, Conrad Eber; secretary, Theodore Fricke; treasurer, Samuel Brereton; executive committee, L. Oppenheimer, Jos. Philips and Chas. L. Whelpley.

After the business of the evening had been duly transacted the gentlemen repaired to the dining saloon of Mr. Roer, where an elaborate oyster supper was served by way of change. Of course, it took choice wines to wash down the luscious bivalves, and these were furnished in profusion, and afforded the company many opportunities for short speeches and witty sayings.

After all the officers, including the "eternal secretary," had been duly toasted, Mr. George Young sang a fish woman's song; Tom Kalfus read an essay on trout; Mr. Oppenheimer made a small bed on five-pound German fish, and the company, after a vote of thanks to Eber, adjourned.

Children's Hospital.

At the annual meeting of the contributing members of the Children's hospital, held last night, the following were elected directors, to serve for five years: James C. Hall, M. D., A. B. Perry, Henry Semken and Hon. John M. Brodhead. To fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of James C. Kennedy, Mr. Edward Temple was appointed, and to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Thomas Miller, Dr. Johnson Elliot.

Business and Civil Service.

Educational training for business or for civil service positions is secured by attending either the day or evening sessions of the Washington Business College, corner of Seventh and I streets northwest. The first of the month is a favorable time to enter.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

See new advertisements on the second and auction sales on the third pages.

The Board of Trustees of the Reform school met yesterday, but transacted no business of importance.

Detectives Clarvoe and McDevitt yesterday morning arrested two alleged hotel thieves, known as "Long John" and "Pretty Bill." They were nagged and started off.

At a regular meeting of No. 1 Hibernians, held at Carroll hall last night, dues were collected amounting to $345.25, and tickets were distributed for the annual ball of the society, to be held at Masonic Temple January 5, 1874.

A German named Charles Emansberger, a brewer by trade, and living on R, between Twenteth and Twenty-first streets, left his home on Friday morning with the intention of going to Georgetown, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him.

Wm. L. Wall & Co., auctioneers, have sold for W. B. Cox, trustee, at auction, lot 116, in square 675, with improvements, to J. C. Barkness, trustee, for $1,350. Also, for J. D. and C. McPherson, trustees, lot 16, in square 476, with improvements, to John C. Howard, for $1,250.

Thomas Stowe, an employee of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, while seated in the starter's office, at the corner of M and Seventh streets, yesterday morning, was seized with an apoplectic fit, and died shortly after his removal home. He leaves a wife and four children in destitute circumstances.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

Address of Hon. John Hill Before the Y. M. C. A.

Last night at 8 o'clock the lecture-room of the Young Men's Christian Association was crowded with interested auditors, assembled to hear the address of Hon. John Hill, of New Jersey, on "Hints to Christian Workers."

This gentleman spoke for an hour in an earnest and fluent style on the various phases of Christian labor and the many reasons for encouragement. He recited numerous instances of the precious fruits of sincere Christian work in the army during the late war, and the prominence of honest men raised from obscurity by the Sabbath school.

He urged the importance of individual effort, and said that to reach an elevated character we must have a high aim. This high aim should be enforced in all our relations of life, not only from the pulpit but in all our daily associations, and especially in our homes. The importance of home training and early instruction has been attested by many in adult years. In the Sabbath school we have a grand opportunity to work for the development of Christian character. Men trained up from the Sabbath school make the most substantial Christian characters. The importance of constant, faithful labor upon childhood and youth cannot be over-estimated nor be too forcibly urged. From the obscure places of earth we gather the luminaries of Christian character which adorn the Church and the world in after years. Christian effort should not be discouraged; its results are too great and abundant, though many times deferred. Our duty is to sow the seed of truth, nourish it with our constant prayers and leave the results to God.

These lectures before the Young Men's Christian Association are held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and are weekly growing in interest and influence.

MASONIC.

Meeting of the Stockholders of the Hall—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Hall association was held last evening at Masonic Temple, E. McGroitey in the chair, and Noble D. Larner secretary. The annual report of the secretary was submitted, which showed amount received, $19,911.76; amount disbursed, $18,217.47. Balance on hand, $794.29. Indebtedness of the association—Funded debt 10-year bonds, $75,000; floating debt, $6,271.43.

An election was then gone into for directors to serve during the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were chosen: Messrs. John Ridgely, Nicholas Acker, Wm. H. Goods, Robert Ball, and N. D. Larner.

The financial condition of the association is very satisfactory and encouraging to the stockholders. In addition to paying all the interest on the 10-year bonds and the running expenses of the temple for the past year, there has been made a reduction of about $5,000 on the floating debt.

New Publications.

From D. A. Brosnan, bookseller and newsdealer, G street, between Ninth and Tenth, we have received the first number of the "Irish National Magazine." It is published in Cleveland, Ohio, by the Irish National Publishing Company, and is exclusively devoted to Irish national politics and literature. The articles in this number, especially those under the captions, "The Necessities of the Present" and "Our English Visitors," are written in a liberal, independent and forcible manner, and bear out the promises of the publishers in the prospectus, issued some time since. We commend the "Irish National Magazine" to our readers generally, especially to the Irish nationalists of Washington. We are also indebted to Mr. Brosnan for a copy of "Haverty's Almanac" for 1874, a valuable publication, full of interesting historical sketches relating to both the Old Land and the New. See Brosnan's advertisement in to-day's paper.

The Inexhaustible Magic Infstand.

Messrs. Warren Choate & Co., stationers and booksellers, in Vernon Row, send us an inkstand possessing remarkable qualities, and destined to produce a commotion in the domain of writing inks. By simply pouring into the aperture of the stand a quantity of cold water a beautiful black ink is created, and on the evaporation or exhaustion of this quantity by use, a repetition of this simple process will create a new supply, and so ad infinitum or ad infinitum. The inkstand is well named inexhaustible and magic, for it is very easily demonstrated on investigation that the ink which proceeds from this inkstand will admit of the writing of one hundred pages a day for a year, or ten pages a day for ten years, or one page a day for one hundred years. It has numerous other advantages, which Messrs. Choate & Co. will be glad to explain to any who would like to step into their store and examine this novelty in the stationery line.

A Pleasant Affair.

Last night the ladies of the Mite Society of Union Chapel, M. E. Church, gave a delightful social entertainment at their newly finished church, on Twentieth street. Among the other enjoyable features was an oyster supper, at which the delicacies of the season were bountifully served in the most tempting style. The ladies spared no effort to make all present enjoy themselves, and to the elegance of manners and cordiality of Mrs. Alice Baxter, Mrs. Fannie Calvert and Mrs. Hettie Womersley much of the success is due. We understand that a similar entertainment will be given by these ladies tonight.

A Cutting Affray.

Last night about 8:30 o'clock a difficulty occurred between Frank Mason, residing on H, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, and one of his boarders named Norman Pruitt, both white, during which the former cut the latter in the right thigh, inflicting a severe though not dangerous wound. Dr. Hartigan was called in and rendered the proper surgical attention.

Officer Smoot afterwards arrested Mason, who was very much intoxicated, and took him to the Central guard-house, to await a hearing before Judge Snell this morning.

Funeral of the late John M. Morris.

The funeral of the late John M. Morris took place Sunday afternoon from his late residence, near Uniontown, D. C. There were present a number of the officers and attaches of the Senate, as well as a delegation of journalists. Rev. Dr. Sunderland was the officiating minister, and after devotional services, delivered an eloquent discourse, in which he gave a sketch of the life of the deceased, whom he eulogized as a ripe scholar, a faithful friend and an exemplary Christian. The remains will be forwarded to Connecticut for interment.

Beautiful Harness, &c.

Mr. Kasper Kneesi, No. 412 Seventh street, has a beautiful and varied assortment of saddles, harness and trunks, with a large collection of whips, collars, blankets and lap covers. His well-appointed store, in which everything in the saddlery, harness and trunk line can be found at cheapest rates, is directly opposite Odd Fellows' hall, Seventh street. Purchasers may rely upon fair and square dealing, and that all goods will turn out just as represented.

Meeting of the Alumni of the Medical Department of Georgetown College.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alumni Society was held last night at the College building, corner of Tenth and E streets. The attendance was unusually large. A paper upon "Hamlet Medically Considered," by Dr. C. M. Tree, was read and received with applause. It was certainly the best production that has yet emanated from this rapidly-growing and useful society.

Temperance Entertainment.

To-night Minnehaha Lodge, I. O. G. T., gives a free entertainment at its hall, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Four-and-a-half street. The pre-eminently social character of this order is doing much to fill its hall at its weekly meetings, which are interspersed with just such enjoyable features as the affair of to-night will be an index of.

Auction Sale of Books.

Commencing on Tuesday evening, December 2, Messrs. Latimer & Cleary, auctioneers, will sell at their rooms, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, a large collection of miscellaneous books, embracing works on history, biography, finance and banking, and general literature; also, an original subscriber's copy, complete, of Audubon's Birds of America, and a walnut bookcase.

Funeral of Hahn's Murderer.

A prayer meeting, continuing all night, took place at the house of Henry Young, (hang for the Hahn murder,) at Alexandria, on Saturday night last. His funeral took place Sunday, and was attended by about twenty persons. He was buried in the corporation cemetery.

South Washington Sunday School Union.

The Union met at the Sixth Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock; the Rev. Mr. Bittinger presided. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Appleby and the Rev. Dr. Moore. The attendance was large and the exercises interesting.

Reduced.

Kersey Overcoats, $12.
Kersey Overcoats, $15.
Kersey Overcoats, $20.
Kersey Overcoats, $25.

These goods 25 per cent. cheaper than at commencement of the season.

EISEMAN & BRO.,
503 Seventh street, May Building.

National Savings Bank,

corner of New York avenue and Fifteenth street, pays 6 per cent. per annum on deposits for each calendar month. Banking hours 9 to 4; Saturdays, 9 to 4 and 6 to 8. f

EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL.

SENATOR SUMNER'S SERENADE.

The Colored Citizens Welcome Him—Congratulatory Address by Sella Martin—Mr. Sumner's Reply—The Commands of His State Impel Him to Labor for Equality Before the Law—No Distinction on Account of Color—The Colored People of the District a Light to Their Brethren Elsewhere.

Last night a large crowd of colored people assembled at the residence of Senator Sumner, next to the Arlington hotel, to tender to that gentleman a complimentary welcome to our modernized metropolis. About twenty of the more prominent of those present entered the library of the residence, and each shook the Senator by the hand. These proceeded with Mr. Sumner to the porch, where, after a stirring air by the Marine band, Sella Martin welcomed him again to his sphere of official influence, renewed in health, to continue the work of philanthropy. He especially congratulated him upon his restored health, which he had lost in work for the colored men, and the return of which was a pledge of his ability to resume his fight for the colored man's rights. He tendered the gratitude and confidence of the colored people now that he was again in the face of the fight. In response Senator Sumner said:

I am touched by this manifestation of regard and sympathy. But allow me to say, most sincerely, that I cannot claim any special merit. I have acted always at the prompting of conscience, and could not have done otherwise. Besides, I could not forget the honored Commonwealth which sent me here, with the commission and command to labor always for human rights. Had I at any time hesitated I should have been rebuked, not only by my own conscience, but by the liberty-loving people of Massachusetts, one of whose standard-bearers I am. With the expression of my thanks I might properly close, but seeing you face to face on this amiable errand I am emboldened to dwell once more on what I have so often presented to my colored fellow-citizens of Washington.

Your position is peculiar and most important, for you are placed on a hill so as to be an example throughout the country. Our colored fellow-citizens elsewhere, counted by millions, will be encouraged or depressed by what is done here. They will do as you do, keeping in line with you, and, according to a military phrase, *dressing on you*. If you are earnest and united they will be earnest and united. If you insist upon crowning reconstruction by a national statute declaring complete equality before the law; in other words, that everywhere in everything *regulated by law*, there can be no discrimination on account of color. If you insist upon this beneficent, most comprehensive measure, which is the essential supplement and complement of all other measures, then will your fellow-citizens throughout the country do likewise, and so being united you will be heard, and allow me to say will prevail.

The past has its lessons. I wish you to remember that opening this street carnival was followed by opening them in other places, so that the battle here was for the whole country. The admission to testify here was the prelude to admission everywhere. The civil rights bill here was the precursor of that universal measure by which the right to vote was declared independent of color. It now remains that you should be assured by law in the enjoyment of equal rights in education, in travel and generally in the pursuit of happiness, and here also the key note must proceed from Washington.

One word more. It is not enough to have these assured by State laws. They must be placed under the safeguards of a national statute, reaching into every State, so that all shall be alike in rights, whether in Massachusetts or South Carolina, in New York or New Orleans; such a statute only is the necessary complement of reconstruction. Let this be done, and the heavy burdens you have so long borne will drop from your shoulders and our legislation will be relieved of all question of color. Our laws hereafter will speak of persons, or of citizens, of men, without any word to be said of "black" or "white." In this respect they will be like the National Constitution, which furnishes no excuse for any such question. I have done what I could to-day to secure this triumph by introducing in the Senate what is extensively known as the supplementary civil rights bill. It was the first bill introduced, and therefore stands No. 1 on the calendar of the Senate. In my efforts to the cause can prevail it will be the first to become a law.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

EBBITT HOUSE.

A W Barnes, Dakota
Col Jas Arvy Jr, Va
G W Griswold, Oregon
Col Ira Ayer Jr, Va
E B Bennett, Illinois
Hon M H Harrison, Tenn
E J Bennett, Albany
Geo S Boutwell, Mass
J Keenan & wf, N Y
Hon David Wilber, do
Wm Upham, New Hampshire
Hon W A Smith, N C
W H Enooks, Ohio
G A Dorsey, U S N
G B Phillips, U S A
F G Comissarjo, D C
Dr E L Anderson
S B Wesley, N Y
J G Ingalls, Utah
J D Graves, Iowa
A Gore, Va
G D Taylor & wf, D C
J H McDonald, do
T B McCormack, Del
Geo A Sheridan, N O
E M Karr, Ky
Hon Jas Dunn, Fla
J C O'Connor, N Y
J A Green, U S N
C D Gibbons, do
W A Lynthall, N Y
J W Brown, N J
Hon J Schenck, do
J M Lain, Wheeling
W H Irwin, do
Hon J Cox, Iowa
Lowell Lincoln, N Y
J N Cassanova, do
Hon T Fitz, do
H O Worthington, S C
T J Robertson & lady, do
Hon H L Dawes, Mass
Hon Jas Morrill, Iowa
S A Chamberlain, Mass
J M Morton, Ind
Hon Jas Mc Dill, Iowa
Hon N P Tenn, do
Hon S Fenn, do
G S Bliss, Ky
J S Rowe, Mass
Geo A Bainey, N J
J M Carson, Phila
J H Lewis, do
J J Patterson, S C
F P Baker, Texas
J M Haile, G C
J M Durham, Ky
W C S Swift, mass
Hon W Nicholas, Boston
N Nickerson, do
A C Harper, Phila
Hon H Lewis, Tenn
J Freeman, N Y
J P Jessndorf, do
J F Lautman, Va
Jas Lapsman, do
Thos Sherrick, Ohio
J E Schafer, U S N
J Casanova, Cuba
J Roman, N Y
A A Fenner, Phila
L J Kimberly, U S N
J Beede, Iowa
J Hanson, Va
B C Abbott, U S N
H Wechsler, do
H Lemon, do
Thos Walter, Phila
Wm Eva's, do
J M Fernandez, do
R M D Hughes, N C

THE KIRKWOOD.

Hon J B Storms, Pa
Hon A A Arrott, N M
Hon C H Roberts, do
Hon J M Bright, Tenn
Hon J S Graham, Mich
Gen H C Hobart, Wis
John Stedman, Md
P W Rodenhof, do
John J Shipman, Va
B M Lupton, Boston
J G Scott, New York
J O'Neil, do
J G Magie, do
Jeffery Fowler, do
John Williams, do
J N Thruston, do
E H Hunter, Jersey City
J W Gregory, Pa

TREMONT HOUSE.

J H Steddart, New York
H F Hurlock, do
J H Hurlock, do
C F Nichols, do
W Biddle, do
Hon Jas Rockwell, do
John Coon, Ohio
J E Pelling, Maryland
J M Allen, Virginia
J C Williamson, Ohio
Mrs K C Caldwell, La
Mrs Hoge, do
W H Smith, do
Miss M C Barrett, do
D S Keyser, do
Miss Jane Burke, N Y
Miss Julia Gaylord, do
Miss Carrie Wade, do
Fred Williams, do
H T Blagrood & wf, do
J A Mosley, do
C A Hetter, Maryland
W Wright & fam, Md
J W Mahaney, Md
J B Williamson, Ohio
E M Lucket, Ky
J M Street, do
D S Morrell, New York
A Cavers & lady, Iowa
Jona Domest, Ohio

METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

M Hall, Md
W Kendall, N Y
J T McLean, Texas
Edw Beeden, Col
Jas Fogarty, N Y
John S Verdon, N Y
Jas Kennan, Md
Sam T Jones, Md
S L Wakefield, Boston
Geo Kingman, do
David Larrabee, Md
J J Waldron, Va
G T Butler, Springfield
David T Bishop, Pa
Sam T Tillman, N J
O Stetson, do
T Tenney, Boston
H O Oswald, N Y
John S Dailey, Pa
Thos H Moore, do
J B Burton, U S A
D S Cook, Pa
Mrs Knight, Md
Henry Zer, N Y
A P Durand, Boston

ST. JAMES HOTEL. (EUROPEAN.)

H C Cuttler, New York
J H Warrick, do
Alfred Fox, do
J L Montague, do
S D Willard, do
John Donahue, do
Samuel Kingman, Phila
J Q Barton & son, Maine
E Wells, Mary'and
W Jenkinson, Penn
Washington Ryan, Me
Geo Wharton, Philadelphia
Dr J Rea & wf, do
J A Adams, do
T L Alexander, Ky

NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sewer certificates wanted.

Ten thousand dollars to loan.

Minnehaha Lodge anniversary.

A dining-room servant is wanted.

Holiday goods at J. W. Brooke & Co.'s.

A ticket from Washington to Mobile, Ala., for sale.

Holiday books for sale by W. H. & O. H. Morrison.

A light bay mare and spring wagon, strayed or stolen.

W. W. Galt, Bro. & Co., jewelry and silver plated ware.

The Southern Republican Association will meet this evening.

Kasper Kneesi, saddles, harness and trunks, 412 Seventh street.

A splendid stock of French dress goods at W. M. Shuster & Bro.'s.

Wm. L. Wall & Co. will sell, on Friday, December 5, a lot of carpets.

Government artillery wheels and axles for sale by E. G. Wheeler.

D. A. Brosnan has received a splendid assortment of Catholic books.

The firm of A. J. Wheatley and G. W. C. Rohrer has been dissolved.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Association will be held this afternoon.

A meeting of the directors of the Building Associations of Georgetown will be held this evening.

W. H. Wheatley, premium dyeing and scouring establishment, 49 Jefferson street, Georgetown.

Clark & Henry will sell, on Wednesday, 3d instant, the stock and fixtures in store No. 337 Pennsylvania avenue.

B. H. Warner will sell, on Saturday, December 13, a three-story frame dwelling, on Tenth, between H and I streets.

The sale by Duncanson, Dowling & Co. of a valuable lot on Pennsylvania avenue is postponed until Friday, December 5.

E. J. Sweet will sell, on Monday, 15th instant, at 4 p. m., a valuable building lot on New Jersey avenue, between K and L streets.

Take Care of Your Valuables.

Call and examine the fire and burglar-proof vaults of the Safe Deposit Company, corner of New York avenue and Fifteenth street, for safe-keeping of securities, jewels, silver-ware, or other valuables. Rents, from ten to sixty dollars per annum, according to size. No business man can afford to do without them.

Take warning from the Chicago and Boston fires.

J. H. Squier & Co.,

Bankers, No. 1416 Pennsylvania avenue, pay 6 per cent on all deposit.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court of the United States.

MONDAY, December 1, 1873.

On motion of Hon. B. R. Curtis, R. E. Rombauer, esq., of St. Louis, Mo., was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

A DISTRICT CASE.

No. 104. John Carroll Brent, plaintiff in error, vs. The State of Maryland, use of A. M. Wardell. In error to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Justice Hunt delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Supreme Court in this cause, with costs and interest.

No. 114. The Batesville Institute et al., appellants, vs. Max Kauffman et al. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern district of Arkansas. Mr. Justice Hunt delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the decree of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs.

No. 84. Robert A. Lucas, plaintiff in error, vs. Peter C. Brooks, jr. In error to the District Court of the United States for the District of West Virginia. Mr. Justice Strong delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Circuit Court in this cause, with costs and interest.

No. 5, original. *Ex parte*, the United States, petitioners. In the matter of A. J. Atochas, administratrix, &c. Petition and motion for mandamus. Mr. Justice Field delivered the opinion of the court, denying the petition and motion for peremptory mandamus in this cause.

No. 93. Eugene Lasere, plaintiff in error, vs. Eugene Rochereau et al. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana. Mr. Justice Swayne delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the opinion of the said Supreme Court, with costs, and remanding the cause for further proceedings to be had therein, in conformity with the opinion of this court.

No. 112. The United States, *ex rel.* Lewis Bros. & Co., plaintiffs in error, vs. George A. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Justice Clifford announced the decision of the court, rescinding the order of the 11th of November, substituting the name of Wm. A. Richardson for Geo. S. Boutwell in this cause.

No. 118. Jos. S. Winter, plaintiff in error, vs. The United States, *ex rel.* John P. Southworth, District attorney. In error to the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Alabama. Mr. Justice Clifford announced the decision of the court, dismissing the writ of error in this cause, with costs.

No. 109. Samuel G. Wheeler, jr., appellant, vs. George Harris et al. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York. Ordered by the court that the appeal in this cause be dismissed, with costs, per stipulation on file.

No. 191. James P. and Robert Willett, executors, &c., appellants, vs. John Pister. The argument of this cause was concluded by Mr. T. J. Durant, of counsel for the appellants.

No. 126. Spencer Trask, appellant, vs. Constantine Hasbrouck et al. Appeal from the District of Mass. Mr. B. R. Curtis, of counsel for the appellant, and by Mr. R. E. Rombauer, for the appellee.

No. 124. The First National Bank of Clarion, plaintiffs in error, vs. Joseph B. Jones, assignee, &c. Passed.

No. 125. Wm. Hailes et al., appellants, vs. Jasper Van Wormer et al. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. R. J. Bennett, of counsel for the appellants.

No. 853. John R. Ballard, trustee, &c., plaintiff, vs. The National Eagle Bank. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. B. R. Curtis, of counsel for the plaintiff, and by Mr. C. B. Goodrich, for the defendants, under the 20th rule.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Circuit Court—Mr. Justice MacArthur.

Neale vs. Neale; verdict for plaintiff. This case grew out of the original case of Neale vs. Neale, tried some years since, and was based on the appeal bond given in that case. It appears that on the marriage of the late R. J. Neale (son of defendant) to Miss Hamilton, of Maryland, some years since, the bride had several thousand dollars from her father, and the father of young Neale verbally gave a lot to the couple, with the understanding that the lady's money should be used in building the house. The building was erected, the parties married, and the elder Neale occupied a portion of the house with the couple, and during their absence remained in it. He then claimed the property, and the younger Neale having died, the widow entered suit to recover possession of the property. In the Equity Court a decree was passed appointing Mr. Wm. B. Webb trustee to convey the property to her, and the defendant appealed to the Supreme Court of the District, when the decree below was affirmed. The defendant appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, giving a bond to make good all losses of rents, &c., during the pendency of the suit, and the judgment below was sustained, and Neale vacated the premises. This suit was brought to recover the rents of the property, and, the case having been tried, a verdict was rendered for plaintiff for $1,300. This case occupied the major portion of Monday. Adjourned.

Criminal Court—Chief Justice Carter.

This court opened its December term yesterday.

James H. Gulick was selected as foreman of the grand jury.

L. R. Holmead and John H. McKnight were excused from service on the grand jury.

The following gentlemen were drawn as additional petit jurors: P. Shoemaker, H. D. Botelor, James Cornell, T. D. Winter, W. R. Brown, R. K. Gladmon, M. Adler, jr., John V. Williamson.

The court then adjourned until this morning, when the District cases will come up.

Police Court—Judge Snell.

James Adams, assault on Henry Wheeler, $5. Joseph Howard, Redmond Smith and Nathaniel Bryan, breaking the fence around Lincoln square, $10 each. Peter Barker and Wm. Green, assault on John Johnson, $20 each and costs. Geo. H. Jackson, assault on Mary E. Hall, $2. Peter Barker, assault on Charles Walters, $3 and costs. Fanny Magruder, assault on Lizzie Washington, $3 and costs. Richard Donnelly, for cursing, Ed Runnels and Richard Johnson, $5 each for boisterous language. Joseph O'Brien, L. A. Henderson, Kinsey Brewer, West Mickey, John Parry and Newton Hancock forfeited collateral for disorderly conduct. Laura Hill, a vagrant, workhouse. Lewis Phelps, for cursing. John D. Morris, fast driving, $5. Nathaniel Sullivan, profanity, $10. Patrick Rodgers, profane and boisterous, $5. Mary Moriarty, same, $5. Thomas Washington, same, $5. Jasper Harton, suspicious person, sent to the workhouse. Charles Walter, profanity, $3. Charles Humphries, loud and boisterous, $10. Wm. Green, carrying a slung-shot, $50. George McCallum, suspicious person, sent to the workhouse.

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AMUSEMENTS.

National Theatre.

An audience that filled the National theatre to repletion assisted at the inauguration performance at the new temple of the drama last evening. Previous to the raising of the curtain Mr. Saville was called for, and made his appearance amid a burst of long and enthusiastic applause. He thanked the audience for their appreciation, and trusted that they would overlook any defects discernable in the house or on the stage, and promised to conduct his theatre in a manner to deserve the hearty support of the Washington public.

After an opening address by Mr. Sheridan, the performance was proceeded with, each member of the company being accorded a very cordial reception. Miss Mitchell was greeted with nearly applause, and in the exacting potent parts her acting met due appreciation. Mr. Sheridan is one of the finest actors on the stage; Mr. Lamb has few equals as a comedian, while Messrs. Lanagan, Searle and Edwards are careful and finished artists. Mrs. Melinda Jones played the part of Fadgi most admirably. The old witch was rendered particularly hideous in her hands, and her filling of the role added greatly to the success of the opening performance. Miss Pendleton, who played Madelon, was new to a Washington audience.

The young lady evidently possesses dramatic ability of a high order, and promises to become a favorite in the capital. The other characters were well performed, and proved that the promises of Manager Saville regarding the excellence of his company were religiously kept. The scenery worked remarkably well for a first night, and the audience departed highly pleased with the beautiful theatre, the company, and the entertainment. "Fanchon" will be played during the week and at the Saturday matinee.

Ford's Opera House.

A large and very appreciative audience greeted Mr. Stoddart at Ford's last evening, and were entertained in a most agreeable manner. Boucicault's play of "A Struggle for Life" was presented, Mr. Stoddart assuming the role of Moneypenny. As a comedian he has no superior on the American stage. His playing last evening was simply the perfection of art, and earned for him the most hearty applause and several enthusiastic calls before the curtain. To-morrow evening Mr. Stoddart and his company will appear in two new plays.

The Comique.

Miss Kate Fisher made her appearance in "Mazeppa" last evening to a good audience. The lady proved a great success, and her assumption of the role earned for her most hearty applause. The Wild Horse of Tartary did his part of the business in fine style, and shared in the success of his fair rider. Besides Miss Fisher, the manager presented a number of new stars, who entertained the audience in a programme replete with fun and variety. One hundred dollars in silver was distributed among the audience—a manner of resuming specie payment that was duly appreciated.

Lincoln Hall.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's readings at Lincoln hall last night were not so well attended as they should have been. Her delineations of Yankee character were excellent, and showed to advantage the humorous part of her nature.

ACOUSTICS.

Henry Searle's Views Before the American Institute of Architects.

The American Institute of Architects lately held a convention at Chicago, and among other papers read there was one on "Acoustics," by our townsman, Mr. Henry Searle. He states that he has made this subject a study during the whole of his professional life, especially as mechanically applied to building, and, while there has been a great deal written upon the subject, it has all been of a scientific character, and that he has not been able in any work to find anything that told how to construct a room good to speak and hear in. He says that which comes the nearest to it is a paper written by Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, and published in his report of 1856, and also two lectures by Mr. W. Fletcher Barrett, of the International College, Springdeh, England.

We make the following quotations from Mr. Searle's paper:

Sound is formed by the vibration of the air forming waves, which strike the drum of the ear, giving through the beautiful organization of the auditory nerves a s