

The Gazette and Comet.

The Capital of China.

In Pekin a few houses are of brick, but the prevailing building material is the adobe—a sun-dried brick, made in the same manner as the Israelites made them for the Egyptians. The roofs of the houses are generally covered with tiles, and universally have the inclination of a tent corner—following the customs of their nomadic ancestors, who lived in tents. Window glass is almost unknown in China, oiled paper being used as a substitute, admitting light dimly. The streets are unpaved and very filthy. In wet weather they are a sea of mud, and in dry weather form a bed of dust. The only public conveyances in Pekin are covered carts, without springs—strong unwieldy vehicles, made for endurance more than comfort. In fact the torture of riding in one of them through the rough, unpaved streets or broken highways can never be described. The passenger gets in and sits cross-legged on some cushions, with a curtain drawn in front to prevent being smothered with dust. A little window of gauze on each side admits the old light to cheer your misery, and you desperately brace yourself against the sides or back, expecting a dislocation of frame at every jolt. There is not a single vehicle on springs in Pekin, and with the present streets and roads would be quite useless. The carriage which Lord Macartney brought the Emperor as a present from the English Government in the last century has never been used. Ladies and men of wealth and rank are carried in palanquins borne by coolies. A Pekin cart cost as much per hour as a cab in London, and a palanquin, with four coolies, is equal in expense to a carriage in New York.

The winter in Pekin is severe, and the question of fuel may properly be asked. Coal is known to exist in great quantities in the vicinity, and was used by the Chinese a thousand years ago as fuel, but they have never opened the mines by any underground workings for fear they would destroy the equilibrium of the earth; and turn the Celestial Empire upside down. The question of allowing the coal mines to be opened is now being discussed, and if their prejudices and superstitions should be overcome, a great resource would be created and employment given to an over-crowded population.

The use of gas is yet a mystery to the Celestials, lanterns, lamps, and candles answering their purposes as well as they did their ancestor's. An experiment is now being made at the office of the Imperial Customs, under the superintendence of Robert Heart, Inspector General of Maritime Customs, who may cause the illumination of China in more ways than one, as from his official position and peculiar relation to the Chinese Government, he can exercise a large influence for the progress and improvement of China than any other man in the empire.

The police of the city of Pekin is rigid enough, as it is a great citadel and city of officials. The night watchman goes round twisting a rattle or beating two sticks together all night, to warn thieves that he is about, on the principle that prevention is better than cure. The Chinese formerly made gigantic improvements in canals, and the interior communication by water is wonderful, but they have no sewerage in their cities and no idea of introducing water for the use of the inhabitants—perhaps they have no use for it; they drink and never wash themselves. In Pekin the water is drawn from wells, but it is very hard. The water in the canals and lakes in the city is covered with a green scum, which detracts somewhat from the beauty of the scenery as well as the desire to use it.

If some Baron Hausman would raise in Pekin, and had a Napoleon to sustain him, it might be made a delightful capital. A railroad of 600 miles would reach the sea at the mouth of the Peiho river. Agricultural resources and fruits are abundant. The pastures of Mongolia furnish the finest meats, and the wilds of Manchuria afford abundant game. The capital of the empire of 400,000,000 of human beings without railroads, telegraphs, gas works, water works, newspapers, or any other of the institutions which we call evidence of civilization, what can be expected to come from it? If the city were engulfed by an earthquake to-morrow, it would be a month before any other capital

would hear of it, and then no exchanges would be disturbed, no ties severed, no tears shed. It is a dead city, and until connected with the world by steam and electricity, and bound to Christendom by the ties of a common religion, it can have no human brotherhood.

Call at N. Wax's NEW STORE

FOR THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:
40 BARRELS Choice French Blow Potatoes,
10 barrels Pink Eye Potatoes for planting,
30 barrels Choice Flour,
20 sacks Choice Flour,
4 barrels Pickles,
2 barrels Sauerkraut,
2 barrels Choice No. 1 Mackerel,
10 barrels Assorted Liquors,
5 half barrels Pigs Feet,
3 half barrels Pickled Tongues,
2 half barrels Golden Syrup,
2 half barrels Spare Ribs,
10 boxes Raisins,
20 boxes Soap,
20 boxes Assorted Crackers,
20 boxes Candles,
5 boxes Vermicelli,
4 boxes Macaroni,
4 boxes Codfish,
1000 Clear Sides,
800 Smoked Shoulders,
5 kegs Fresh Western Butter,
5 kegs Fresh Goshen Butter,
5 kegs Fresh Holland Herring,
5 kegs Lard.
Also, a full assortment of Wines, Liquors, Tobacco, Cigars, Crockery, Tin and Willow Ware.
Just received at
N. WAX'S NEW STORE,
Opposite the Court House.
dec25

Home Preparations.

PURIFYING THE BLOOD, REMOVING PIMPLES AND BLOTCHES, HEALING SORES, ERUPTIONS, ETC.,
THERE IS NOTHING MORE RELIABLE THAN

The Great Blood Renovator, a compound complete in itself. No need of adding Iodine or Potassium. We sell more of it than all the other Preparations of the kind put together. It is not put up in Boston, nor in New York. It is a Baton Rouge preparation. Try it before condemning it. Price—one dollar per bottle. Prepared and sold by
J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
Druggists, Africa street, and
J. JASTREMSKI,
Druggist, Third street.
apr13

Just Received, FROM PHILADELPHIA:

Such articles as—
GENUINE FRENCH QUININE,
CALOMEL,
BLUE MASS, etc., etc.,
Together with a large and complete assortment of other Medicines, Chemicals and Patent Preparations. For sale at the lowest cash prices, by
J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
Druggists, Africa street, and
JOHN JASTREMSKI,
Druggist, Third street.
apr13

Home Preparations.

FOR the cure of Cholera and Fever, Ague and Fevers generally—take

ANTI-AGUE SYRUP.

It needs no recommendation. Try it and it will speak for itself. Prepared and sold by
J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
Druggists, Africa street, and
JOHN JASTREMSKI,
Druggist, Third street.
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SOMETHING NEW FOR LADIES!

Something New for Gents!!
Something New for Misses!!!
Something New for Boys!!!!

PIVOT-ACTION BRACE!

A Superior Suspender for Braces or Pants!
An unequalled Brace for the Shoulders!
ALWAYS A SUSPENDER!
A BRACE OR NOT AT PLEASURE!
Its simplicity, durability, ease and convenience commend it to every Lady, Gentleman or Youth. Examine for yourself, and be convinced that all herein stated is true.
For sale at
D. DAY'S DRUG STORE.

GENUINE FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

SIROPO LACTUCARIUM,
SIROPO DIGITALE,
SIROPO BRIANT,
SIROPO FLORE,
FRENCH COD LIVER OIL,
SIROPO PHOSPHATE OF IRON,
LEROY PURGATIVE,
LIQUEUR LAVILLE,
GUILLE ANTI-GLAIREUX
The above for sale at
JOHN V. JASTREMSKI'S
Drug Store.
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Pure Cod Liver Oil.

FRESH AND PURE ARTICLE. Put up and for sale by
J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
Africa street, and
JOHN JASTREMSKI,
Third street.
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Violin Strings. Guitar Strings.

THE BEST in this market and low for cash
BROOKS' NEW DRUG STORE
DROMGOOLE'S PREPARATIONS
CAN BE HAD at Brooks' Drug Store at manufacturer's retail prices.
apr27

SCHOOL BOOKS.

THE ATTENTION of merchants and country dealers is directed to the stock of School Books, Copy Books, Slates and Slate Pencils, which are always to be had very low for the cash at
jan14 BEAL'S BOOK & VARIETY STORE.

Garden Seeds & Shaker Preserves.

FRESH lot on consignment, for a few days only—will be sold low for cash, at stores of
C. BUNING,
corner Church and Florida Sts.
dec1

APPLETON'S JOURNAL.

SAMPLE COPIES of the above journal can be seen at
apr10 BEAL'S BOOK & VARIETY STORE.

SAVE YOUR BEES.

I HAVE a few dozen of the Finley's Moth Proof Bee Hives, which will be sold single to families or in any quantities to suit by
JAMES McVAY,
mar30 On Third street, near the Post Office

IMPORTED BAY RUM.

A VERY superior article at \$1.36 per bottle
BROOKS' NEW DRUG STORE,
23 Main street
dec27

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA! PURIFYING THE BLOOD.

THE REPUTATION this excellent medicine enjoys, is derived from its cures, many of which are truly marvellous. In several cases of Scrofulous disease, where the system seemed saturated with corruption, have been purified and cured by it. Scrofulous affections and disorders, which were aggravated by the scrofulous constitution, and the attack of an embolism or fatal disease, without exciting a suspicion of its presence. Again it seems to exert a powerful influence throughout the body, and then, on some favorable occasion, rapidly develop into one of its hideous forms, either on the surface or among the vitals. In the latter, tubercles may be suddenly deposited in the lungs or heart, or tumors formed in the liver, or it shows its presence by eruptions on the skin, or foul ulcers on some part of the body. Hence the occasional use of a bottle of this SARSAPARILLA is advisable even when no active symptoms of disease appear. Persons afflicted with the following complaints generally find immediate relief, and, at length, cure, by the use of this Sarsaparilla: Erysipelas, Scald Head, Ringworm, Sore Eyes, Sore Ears, and other eruptions or visible forms of Scrofulous disease. Also in the more concealed forms, as Dyspepsia, Dropsy, Heart Disease, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, the various Dicrosioaffections of the muscular and nervous systems. Syphilis or Venereal and Mercurial diseases are cured by it, though a long time is required for subduing these obstinate maldies by any medicine. But long continued use of this medicine will cure the complaint. Leucorrhoea or Whites, Uterine Obstructions, and Female Diseases, are commonly soon relieved and ultimately cured by its purifying and invigorating effect. Minute Directions for each of the various symptoms are contained in the prospectus, and will be sent on request. Prepared by
DR. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.,
Practical and Analytical Chemists.
Sold by all Druggists and dealers in Medicines. Wholesale by E. J. HART & CO., and W. W. LOCKE, FINLAY & CO., New Orleans, La. mar25

BATON ROUGE ACADEMY

WILL BE OPENED ON
MONDAY, MAR. 29, 1869.

FACULTY:

Rev. A. R. GRAVES, President, and of the Male Department, Principal.
Mr. STEPHEN A. FOXWORTH, Assistant.
Mrs. SOPHIA J. FOXWORTH, Principal of the Female Department.
Mr. SCOTT GRAVES, Principal of the Prima Department.

Rates of Tuition:

Per month of four weeks.
Latin and Greek, English Classics, Mathematics and higher branches of Science... \$3 00
Common English Branches... 2 00
Primary—Reading, Spelling and Writing... 1 00

GRATIS TO ALL WHO ASK IT.

Our object is, by the terms, to make the Institute a benefit to every family, and by able and experienced teachers to profit to the utmost every pupil.

Girls, over ten years old, will be taught at my house, the rest of the pupils in the building known as Baton Rouge Academy.
mar1

Agricultural Implements, BUILDERS' MATERIALS AND HARDWARE.

I would respectfully call the attention of Planters, Farmers and the community generally, of this and adjoining parishes to my varied, choice and complete stock of
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
Builders' Materials,
TOOLS AND HARDWARE,
and invite a call and examination of the same, at the Store and Warehouse, opposite the Banking House of George A. Pike, Esq., and near the Post Office on Third street.
jan12 JAMES McVAY.

Attention, Sugar Planters!

PLANTERS who have cultivated Cane and are desirous of making Sugar (even this season on a small scale) can be supplied with
MILLS and EVAPORATORS,
in complete working order, on terms within the reach of all. Call and examine them at the depot on Third street.
sept15 JAMES McVAY.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS

JUST RECEIVED AT
JASTREMSKI'S DRUG STORE,
July28 Third Street

WHAT NOT!

PINE TAR—In bottles and the cans.
COAL TAR—In the gallon or by the can, ROBIN—in any quantity desired,
LARD OIL—By the bottle or gallon,
CASTOR OIL—By the bottle or gallon,
LUBRICATING OIL—By the bottle or gallon, at store of [mar10] JOSHUA BEAL

AGENTS WANTED.

\$75 TO \$100 PER MONTH!—Or a Commission from which twice that amount can be made by selling the latest improved common sense Sewing Machine. Price \$15 00. For Circulars and terms address
C. BOWERS & CO.,
dec8 330 South Third street, Philadelphia.

BUILDERS, TAKE NOTICE!

I HAVE in store 100 barrels Richards' Cape Lime, Cement, Plaster of Paris and Hair in quantities to suit purchasers.
jan12 JAMES McVAY.

PLOWS.

I HAVE in store a full assortment of Barleys and Hay, of Mayville Plows, which I offer for sale at New Orleans prices. Call and examine my stock.
feb15 JAMES McVAY

PAINTERS, TAKE NOTICE!

I HAVE just received a full assortment of the various qualities of White Lead and all the standard colors ground in oil, in cans and packages to suit, at reduced rates.
mar12 JAMES McVAY.

WHIPS.

A COMPLETE assortment just received direct from the manufacturer, consisting of Carriage, Buggy, Sulky and Riding Whips; also, Dray, Team and Ox-Whips and
jan1 JAMES McVAY

TO BUILDERS.

I AM PREPARED to fill orders at short notice for Dressed Flooring and Ceiling, Panel Doors, Sashes and Blinds of all sizes and qualities, at lowest market rates.
mar2 JAMES McVAY.

BUILDERS' HARDWARE.

A FULL stock on hand, and to arrive direct from the manufacturer at the Gazette and Comet Office Building, Third street.
dec18 JAMES McVAY

J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.'S FRENCH PECTORAL SYRUP

IS A SURE CURE FOR
Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, the Early Stages of Consumption and other Diseases of the Pulmonary Organs.

It is admirably adapted to infantile cases. Its most agreeable taste and flavor conceal entirely the medicinal properties which it contains.

TRY A BOTTLE—After which you will never use any other kind.
It is recommended by Physicians.
Prepared and sold by
JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
Druggists,
jan14 BATON ROUGE, LA.

Sugar Cane Mills and Evaporators.

THE GREAT WESTERN PREMIUM
Sugar Mills and Scantlin's Evaporators,
MANUFACTURED BY
PEARSON, AIKIN & CO.,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

HAVING accepted the Agency for the introduction and sale of the
Great Western Premium Sugar Mills
—AND—
SCANTLIN'S
Seamless Evaporators!

I am prepared to supply the demand, of whatever size, style and capacity required, from a light one horse power—capacity 500 pounds to a steam power mill—capacity 5000 pounds of sugar in twenty-four hours.

Call and examine a sample of the MILL at the Depot, on THIRD STREET, and leave your orders, which will receive prompt attention.
JAMES McVAY.

I AM also in receipt of many articles and materials (in store) of interest to the community, among which are—
STEEL CORN MILLS, with and without fly wheels.
COTTON GIN BRUSHES and GIN BRISTLES.
GRASS SCYTHES and SPINNING WHEELS.
WOOD SAWS and WELL BUCKETS.
BUGGY and RIDING WHIPS.
POPE'S HEAD and SCRUBBING BRUSHES.
CEMENT, PLASTER OF PARIS and HAIR OIL, TURPENTINE and WHITE LEAD.

Building Materials.

ALWAYS ON HAND and for sale at the lowest rates—
BRICK,
LIME,
CEMENT,
PLASTER PARIS,
HAIR and SLATES,
BUILDERS' AND PLANTERS' HARDWARE
Boston Cornshellers, Cordage,
and everything in the line, now in store.
JAMES McVAY,
Third street.
sept15

French Patent Medicines.

JUST RECEIVED—
Leroy's Phosphate of Iron,
Grimault's Syrup Horse Radish and Iodine Injection Brou,
Leroy's Pills,
Furgative No. 1, 2, 3 and 4,
Venal Purgative,
Sirope de Digitalis de Laboulaye,
Fion,
Briant,
Lamoureux,
Capsules de Baccin,
Mathey-Caylus.
For sale at
JOHN JASTREMSKI'S,
Third Street Drug Store.
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JUST RECEIVED, AN ASSORTMENT OF

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS,

GENUINE—NO HUMBUG.
J. JASTREMSKI'S,
July27 Drug Store, Third street.

PISTOL CARTRIDGES.

Colt's and Remington's Pocket Pistols.
Cartridges for Colt's Nos. 21, 26 and 44.
Smith & Wesson's Copper Cartridges, No. 22, 30, 32, 35, 41 and 44.
Patent Caps, Flasks, etc., all at very low prices.
Call and see at
je18 BEAL'S BOOK & VARIETY STORE.

Genuine German & American MINERAL WATERS

SWEETER'S WATER,
BITTER WATER,
CONGRESS WATER,
SARATOGA WATER
For sale at
JOHN V. JASTREMSKI'S
Drug Store
may12

SCHOOL BOOKS,

SLATES,
COPY BOOKS,
PENS,
INK,
PAPER, Etc., Etc., at
may16 BEAL'S BOOK & VARIETY STORE.

COAL OIL LAMPS,

New Patterns.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT JUST RECEIVED,
DIRECT FROM NEW YORK, BY
J. JASTREMSKI & BRO.,
apr11 Near the Courthouse.

LATE ARRIVALS—Late Arrivals.

HALLS MAYVILLE PLOWS,
HOES—30 dozen, comprising Grabbing, Cane, Planting, Lyndon and Garden.
GARDEN PRUNING SHEARS,
SPADES and RAKES,
HAND CORN SHELLERS—a new invention,
WALKER'S UNIVERSAL SASH FASTENERS,
the most convenient, best and cheapest article of the kind ever before presented to the public—all of which will be sold at the very lowest rates.
JAMES McVAY,
feb9 Third street, near the Postoffice.

INSURANCE COMPANIES. CITIZENS' Insurance Company of Baton Rouge.

Incorporated November 1st, 1866.
Office in the Banking House of Hart & Hubert.
THIS COMPANY is now prepared to insure against loss or damage by Fire, River or Marine.

Officers:
S. M. HART, President;
E. H. DAY, Vice President;
F. E. HEBERT, Secretary.

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S. M. HART, E. H. DAY,
G. GUSMAN, N. WAX,
JAMES McVAY, L. BOURNARD,
S. F. GREYVES, H. M. PAVIOT,
J. C. CHARROTTE.

Finance Committee:
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S. M. HART, Pres't.
F. E. HEBERT, Sec'y nov18-y

Second Annual Statement OF THE CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATON ROUGE, Ending November 1st, 1868.

In conformity with the requirements of their Charter, the Company publish the following statement:

Amount of Premiums received from 1st of November, 1867, to 1st November, 1868..... \$5,181 96

AS FOLLOWS:
Premiums on Fire Risks.....\$6,914 50
Premiums on River and Marine Risks..... 1,917 46
Premiums on unterminted risks, November 1st, 1867..... 5,742 75
November 1st, 1868..... 13,874 71

Less Premiums on risks not terminated November 1st, 1868..... 4,676 50
Net earned Premiums for the year ending as above..... 9,910 21

LOSSES PAID DURING SAME PERIOD:
On River and Marine Risks as Expenses during the year as above..... 2,354 69
5,415 49

Net earned Profits for the year ending November 1st, 1868..... 4,778 72

THE COMPANY HAVE THE FOLLOWING ASSETS:
Bills Receivable, for balances due on Stock Notes..... 113,940 00
Premiums in course of collection..... 246 75
Cash balance on hand..... 10,811 60
Total Assets..... \$130,298 35

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE,
Baton Rouge, Nov. 23, 1868.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned, Justice of the Peace, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, S. M. Hart, President, and F. E. Hebert, Secretary, who say that the above is a true, just and correct statement from the books of the Company.

S. M. HART, President.
F. E. HEBERT, Secretary.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of November, 1868.
GEO. W. BUCKNER,
Justice of the Peace.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATON ROUGE,
Baton Rouge, Nov. 12th, 1868.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, it was Resolved, To declare a dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, from the net earnings of the Company, to be credited on the stock notes of the subscribers, in accordance with Section 3 of Article XI of the Charter.

S. M. HART, President.
F. E. HEBERT, Secretary.
nov14

FRESH MEDICINES, DRUGS, PERFUMERIES

—AND—
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

THE UNDERSIGNED respectfully gives notice that he has always on hand a fresh supply of
MEDICINES, ETC.,
Which he guarantees to be pure; also a choice assortment of
PERFUMERY,
from the most celebrated manufacturers, comprising—
LUBIN'S, Madam DURAND'S,
BAZIN and WRIGHT'S
A fine assortment of
ESSENCES FOR HANDKERCHIEFS
—AND—
SCENTED SOAPS.
All kinds of fresh genuine MINERAL WATER
PURE LIQUORS, viz:
French and American BRANDIES,
WHISKY—Rye and Bourbon.
PORT WINE,
SHERRY and MADEIRA,
GENUINE HOLLAND GIN,
PURE SCHNAPPS,
FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES,
SIROPO BRIANT,
SIROPO FLORE,
SIROPO DE LAMOURIEUX
LIQUEUR LAVILLE,
ELIXIR ANTI-GLAIREUX,
LEROY'S MEDICINES,
VIN DE SQUIN,
PERCHLORMER DE FER DE PRAYAR,
HUILLE DE FOIE DE MORUE DE TOUGHE,
de Hoge.
Will receive by the next steamer a fresh lot of Patent Medicines, direct from manufacturers.
WINTER GARDEN SEEDS—just received
COAL OIL LAMPS—a variety on hand.
COAL LAMPS—a variety on hand.
LEROIES always on hand.

All orders from the country carefully put up and promptly attended to.
JOHN V. JASTREMSKI,
Store nearly opposite the Branch of the Louisiana State Bank.
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POTATOES ON TERMS.

I NOW HAVE in warehouse some 20 or 25 barrels of good Planting Potatoes, which I will sell to responsible parties on a credit of four months.
JOSHUA BEAL.

SOMETHING NEW.

PATENT Pencil's, patent Paper Files, patent Moist Letter Books, just received at
apr10 BEAL'S BOOK & VARIETY STORE

FAMILY, PLANTATION

—AND—
GROCERY SUPPLIES.—New on hand a good stock of quite every article pertaining to a first-class establishment. New arrivals almost daily—a call solicited.
JOSHUA BEAL
dec2

GAZETTE and COMET CARDS.

BOOK AND JOB
BROTHER,
PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,
(Established in 1817.)

WORK DONE AT CASH PRICES,
CASH ONLY.

RECENT ADDITIONS OF STOCK
FANCY
JOB MATERIAL,
LIGHTNING PRESSES,
CARD AND PAPER CUTTERS,
AND OTHER
IMPROVED
LABOR-SAVING INVENTIONS
OUR JOB OFFICE
EQUAL TO THE BEST.
PLAIN AND FANCY
JOB-PRINTING
Manner Known to the Art!
BOOK WORK,
PAMPHLETS,
BRIEFS,
CIRCULARS,
CATALOGUES,
BILL-HEADS,
LETTER HEADS,
BILLS OF FARE,
BILLS LADING,
PROGRAMMES,
CHECKS,
DEPOSITS,
RECEIPTS,
POSTERS,
LABELS,
FUNERAL TICKETS,
WEDDING,
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PROFESSIONAL,
BUSINESS AND
OTHER CARDS.
In the Best and Neatest Style.
NEATLY EXECUTED AT THE
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