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CITY PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Baton Rouge La.

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A. M. DUNN and A. S. HERRON, are associated in the practice of law, and will attend to any business entrusted to them in this and the adjoining Districts and in the Supreme Court.
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June 14th, 1859.

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may13-y BATON ROUGE, LA.

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WILL PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSION IN the Parishes of West and East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Point Coupee and West Feliciana; the Supreme Court of La., and the United States District and Circuit Courts, at New Orleans.
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G. W. DEARING, M. D.,
Residence Corner of St. Ferdinand & Europe Sts.,
☞ Office, H. T. Waddill's Drug Store, Main street, Baton Rouge. feb21-y

Dental Notice.

DR. T. FAY, has reopened his office with new materials, improved instruments, and with all of the new improvements in the profession, offering more perfect work at prices to suit the convenience of all.
Terms reasonable—Office at his residence, Lafayett stereet. [September-25

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OFFICE ON LAUREL STREET,
2 doors East of the Methodist Church.
sept16-1y. BATON ROUGE, LA

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ADDRESS—BATON ROUGE P. O.
Will practice and attend to Collections in the Sixth Judicial District, and in the adjoining Parishes. march27.

LIME! LIME!!
250 BARRELS of superior Rock Lime—just stored and for sale by
may5 JOSHUA BEAL

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References.—W. S. Pike, Esq., Baton Rouge, W. D. Winter, Lobdell's Store, West Baton Rouge Parish. [feb20-1yd&w.

LIME AND CEMENT.
100 BARRELS Choice Cape Lime; 50 Barrel Rosedale Cement—just to hand and for sale by JOSHUA BEAL.

Musquito Netting.
COTTON, Linen and Bobinet Musquito Netting just received and for sale at
april7 S. M. ASHER'S

CLOTH CLOAKS.
A FINE assortment of Cloth Cloaks of the latest styles—just received, also some very handsome Shawls, at the
sept21 PHILADELPHIA CASH STORE.

S. HYATT & SON,
GUN SMITHS & GENERAL JOBBERS.
Near the State House.

HAVING obtained the old and well known stand of the late Captain Searles, near the Capitol we are prepared to receive and give personal attention to all orders in our line.
☞ We also keep constantly on hand a fine assortment of the best English GUNS, which we will sell at very reasonable prices—call and examine.
june22-y S. HYATT & SON.

Lace Capes, Points and Mantillas.
I HAVE received another supply of these goods, among them some very fine Black Lace Mantillas and Points, also Barrege, Challiette, and Brown Linen Dusters, Barrege Anglas and Pine Apple Suits for Ladies Traveling Dresses.
apr24 W. D. PHILLIPS.

ARCHITECTURAL CARDS, &c

JOHN L. WOLFF,
CABINET MAKER & UNDERTAKER.

KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON hand a general assortment of CABINET FURNITURE such as BUREAUS, ARMOIRS, CHAIRS, CRIBS, CRADLES, BEDSTEADS, COUCHES, MATTRESSES, WILLOW WAGONS and CABS, and a full stock of every article in the HOUSE FURNITURE line of business.
☞ Crane's Patent Metallic Burial Caskets.—A full supply always on hand. Orders from abroad promptly attended to.
☞ Making, Mending and Repairing to order with despatch. JOHN L. WOLFF.
Corner Main and Penitentiary streets,
feb13-1y Baton Rouge, La

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Worker in Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron,
Third street opposite Real's Stable.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, of this and adjoining parishes, that he is prepared to execute all work in the above branches in the best workmanlike manner. He is ready at all times to make or repair steam supply, cold water, escape and stove pipes, tin roofing or cooper gutters and spouts, or copper valleys, or cornices, made and put up at short notice. Always on hand a general assortment of Tin ware, sugar house lamps, lanterns oil cans, &c. All repairing promptly attended to. All orders from the country will be promptly attended. nov12 JOHN TILANO.

KELLUM & SON,
HOUSE PAINTING, GLAZING
—AND—
PAPER-HANGING.
Third Street, Baton Rouge.

THE undersigned are now ready to fill any orders for work in their line, with promptness and dispatch, at moderate prices. Orders from the country solicited.
apr5-dy KELLUM & SON.

C. G. WILSON,
HOUSE, SIGN, & DECORATIVE PAINTER.
HOUSE PAINTING,
SHOP ON MAIN STREET,
East of Montan & Mattas Hardware Store—Baton Rouge, La.

GLAIZING, GRAINING, Gilding, Marbling and Paper Hanging, neatly executed. Particular attention paid to Plain and Fancy
SIGNS,
Imitations of wood and stone finished in the best style.
FRAMES
For Pictures and Looking Glasses made to order.
Orders for Plantation work solicited.
July 22d, 1859.

SUNDRIES.

50 BOXES various Brands Cewing Tobacco;
25 " " " Smoking do;
8 Casks Fine Brandy;
1 " Peach do;
6 " Maderia and Port Wine;
1 " Ginger Wine;
1 " Jamaica Rum;
10 Dozen Hostetters' Bitters;
10 " Binninger's London Dock Gin;
10 " Singleton's London Cordial do;
10 " Wolf's Schiedam Schnapps;
10 " McLean's Cordial;
5 Gross Jacob's do;
5 " Perry Davis Pain Killer;
10 " Fahnestock's Vermifuge;
5 " Assorted Fruit Jars;
5 " Townsend's Bull's, Williams and Sand's Sarsaprilla;
2 " Mustard;
200 Ounces Quinine;
Garden Seeds of all kinds;
Cutlery, a new lot, just received.
Patent Medicines, Perfumery and Fancy Goods of all kinds in Store and for sale by
aug11 A. STEWART & CO., Druggists,
Waddill's old stand, Main St., Baton Rouge.

DEPOT
of
IMPORTED HAVANA SEGARS.

I HAVE JUST received the largest and most varied assortment of
IMPORTED HAVANA SEGARS,
ever before in this market—comprising all the latest and most popular brands.
I am now prepared to furnish the citizens of Baton Rouge and surrounding country, with an articles of SEGARS even excelling any I have here tofore supplied them, at New Orleans prices.
ANTHONY MAFE,
feb8 American Flag Segar Store, Harney House Basement.

House Furnishing Goods.

BRUSHES of all kinds, Feather Dusters, Coffee Mills, Keelers, Buckets, Sieves, Dust Pans. Old Dominion Coffee Pot (at reduced prices) and the Old French Coffee Grécque—all sizes. Smooth Irons. Preserve Kettles, Enameled and Brass kitchen Saw Knives, Spoons, &c.
may21 FRANK HUGUET.

NOTICE.

HAVING removed from our old stand, to the large brick building West of Heude & Rhodes store; corner of Africa and St. Ferdinand streets, we take pleasure to inform our friends and the public generally, that we are now prepared to supply them with any article in the GROCERY LINE;
PLANTATION SUPPLIES, ETC.
We shall also, keep constantly on hand a large supply of
HAY, CORN, OATS, BRAN, ETC.
We return our thanks to our friends and customers for the liberal patronage heretofore and solicit a continuance of the same.
☞ Orders from all parts of the parish, West Baton Rouge and Grosse Tete, shall be punctually attended to.
aug19 3id&3tw TRAHAN & LANDRY.

CHEAP FLOUR.
50 BARRELS choice superfine at $6 50.
may26 S. BENJAMIN.

FRESH CHOCOLATE.
JUST received an assortment of Superior Chocolate by june22 ED. & WM. BOGEL.

PERFUMERY.
A FRESH SUPPLY just received, and for sale by apr30, ED. & WM. BOGEL.

NEW GOODS.
JUST RECEIVED.

A SUPPLY of Fall and Winter Goods, such as
BLANKETS, KERSEYS, LINSEYS, LOWELLS, TWILLED, BLUE AND YELLOW STRIPES, JEANS, BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED DOMESTICS, PRINTS, ETC.,
—ALSO—
MEN'S, BOOTS AND SHOES, LADIES FINE SHOES AND GAITERS, CHILDREN'S SHOES, MEN AND BOYS HATS, ETC., ETC.
To which we call the attention of our friends and acquaintances.
aug22-7 HEUDE & RHODES.

LARGUIER & LANOUE

AXES! AXES!!
30 DOZEN Chopping Axes of Collins, Bruffs and other good makers. Light, medium, heavy and extra heavy, always on hand at the Hardware establishment of LARGUIER & LANOUE,
mar4 Corner Lafayette and Florida sts.

Patent Portable Corn Mills
WITH SIEVE ATTACHMENT.

A LOT of the above Mills, without doubt the best article of the kind before the public. It is simple in construction, easily adjusted to grind course or fine and not liable to get out of order—grind and sifts one bushel of corn per hour. In fact the very thing where flouring mills are few and far between—for sale at
mar5 LARGUIER & LANOUE'S,
Corner Lafayette and Florida sts.

TO SUGAR PLANTERS.

STRAIGHT and crooked handle Cane Knives with and without hooks, Copper and Tinned Skimmers and Ladles; Cane Sued Lanterns; Sugar House Lamps; Wicks, Oil Cans, large and small; Engineer Wrenches, 12 to 18 in.; Swan's Faucets for Bi-Sulphite; C. Bons and half Gallons for Bi-Sulphite; Saccharometer's Thermometers, Coupling's Gauge and stop Cocks; Packing of every description at LARGUIER & LANOUE'S,
oct27 Cor. Lafayette and Florida sts

THE VICTORY CORN MILL.

THIS superior Plantation Meal and Feed Mill, now without any competitor for simplicity, durability, efficiency and cheapness.
☞ Price $65 cash. For sale by
apr6 JOSHUA BEAL.

STAPLE GOODS.

SUCH as Brown and Bleached Cotton Sheeting, Damask Table Linen, Towls and everything in this line at reduced prices S. M. ASHER.

SEGARS AND SNUFF.

JUST received a new supply and sold in quantities to suit.
may6. V. HEUDE & CO.

COOKING STOVES.

THE CELEBRATED Kentucky, Eclipse, Diamond and Phœnix patterns, and am confident it will be to your advantage to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
may24. FRANK HUGUET.

LADIES SHOE MAKING,
Third Street, Baton Rouge.

THE undersigned begs leave to inform the Ladies of Baton Rouge, that he is now prepared to make to order. Ladies, Misses and Children's bootees and shoes. Orders promptly attended to. ROUX.

COTTON BACK BANDS.

Assorted sizes of 3 ply Cotton Back Bands an article much cheaper and better than leather.
may3 LARGUIR & LANOUE'S

PISTOLS! PISTOLS!!

A COMPLETE assortment of Pistols and Revolvers, consisting of Colt's Old and New Model Revolvers; and a new article of Colt's "Engraved Revolvers, also Whitney's Revolvers, Allen's Self Cocking Pistols, Navy Revolvers, and the Smith & Wesson Seven Shooter, all at the lowest prices, at
nov23 FRANK HUGUET'S

New Fall and Winter Clothing.

I HAVE now in Store my entire Stock of
FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING,
the most of which I have made up to order and have no hesitation in saying it is the largest and most complete assortment in this place, all I ask is an examination of my stock and I feel satisfied that I can give perfect satisfaction to all those who can appreciate good Goods.
sept12 W. D. PHILLIPS.

Ground Corn and Oats.

OATS and Ground Corn together produce a superior feed—call and give it a trial.
july17 JOHUA BEAL

CLEAR YOUR LAND!

AND in order to clear expeditiously get your Axes from the large and varied stock of
MONTAN & MATTA'S,
dec28 Hardware Corner.

HORSE SHOERS

WILL remember that we keep on hand the common horse nail as well as our extra English stub nail, and both at low prices.
MONTAN & MATTA,
dec7 Hardware Corner.

PAINT MILLS.

A FEW on hand for sale at
may24 LARGUIER & LANOUE.

WHISKEY! 225 Barrels Whiskey; 200 Boxes Candles; 500 Boxes Soap, for sale by
june14 BEAL & PATTERSON.

PLAYING CARDS.

ED & WM. BOGEL, are Sole Agents for Samuel Hart's Celebrated Playing Cards. june15.

The Prince of Wales Says:

GUINESS' Genuine Double Stout is pretty hard to beat—for sale only by
july31 ED. & WM. BOGEL.

LINEN SHIRT FRONTS.

WE HAVE just opened a very large assortment of these goods, at the
may8 PEOPLES STORE.

EZRA KELLY & SON'S WATCH-Oil for Sewing Machines, just received and for sale by
THEO. GOLDMANN.

OVAL FRAMES.

PLAIN, Waved, Gilt, Rosewood and Japanese Mouldings. a new assortment, call and examine.
C. G. WILSON,
m22 Main st., below Montan & Matta.

NO CURE, NO PAY—TRY IT.

MATTAN'S Apperient, a certain cure for Dispepsia. Prepared and for saleat. V. HEUDE & CO'S.
may11 Drug Store.

Ladies Bonnets and Misses Flats.

I WILL receive in a few days a large stock of Silk, Velvet and Winter Straw Bonnets, also the handsomest assortment of Misses Flats to be found anywhere. W. D. PHILLIPS.

JUST RECEIVED.

AND for sale low to the trade, Lard in Kegs do. in bbls. Crushed and Powdered Sugar. A lot of fine family Flour, Beef Tongues, Sheep do Hog do. S. BENJAMIN.
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PLAYING CARDS—A large supply of Samuel Hart's Playing Cards, all qualities and prices, for sale low to the trade by
july4 R. D. DAY.

More Ladies Cloaks to Arrive.

I WILL receive in a few days another new supply of ladies Cloaks, my customers will always find a good supply of these goods always on hand, and I will sell them at low prices.
sept20 W. D. PHILLIPS.

NEW DRUG STORE
COURT HOUSE SQUARE,
Corner St. Ferdinand and Africa streets,
BATON ROUGE,
V. HEUDE & CO.,

WE BEG LEAVE to call the attention of Planters, Physicians and dealers generally to our LARGE STOCK of MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, GLASSWARE, PERFUMERY, PAINTS, OILS, STATIONARY, FANCY GOODS, ETC., ETC., which we have just received and will be constantly receiving, FRESH SUPPLIES during the year from the MOST RELIABLE AND LARGEST IMPORTING HOUSES IN THE UNITED STATES.
In offering you our stock for inspection we do so, confident that the public will find nothing in our line of business wanting. We have taken unusual care in selecting our Drugs expressly for their wants, and are confident of having left nothing undone to make it complete in all respects.—Our Drugs will at all times be found FRESH and GENUINE and will be dispensed with every regard to carefulness and despatch.
TO PHYSICIANS
We would say that our facilities for dispensing Prescriptions are not surpassed by any similar house in the South. Having been to considerable expense in fitting up our
PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT
and incured extra expense in selecting PURE POWDERS & CHEMICALS for that portion of our business, we flatter ourselves that all who favor us with their patronage will be pleased with our mode of doing business, as we shall exert ourselves to please our patrons and hope by careful and strict attention to business to merit a confidence of all [feb15-y.

James McVay,
BUILDER.

BEGS leave respectfully to inform his friends, and the citizens of Baton Rouge and its vicinity generally, that he is prepared (at short notice) to execute any orders in connection with the erection of, or repairs of Buildings with which he may be entrusted. He will also furnish to Contractors, Builders, Planters and others, Sash (ready primed and Glazed if desired,) VENITIA SHUTTERS with stationary or pivot slats, Inside Rolling Blinds, Pannel Doors, etc., of any required size, at as low rates as they can be obtained elsewhere in the South, and of the best style of workmanship. He has also established in connection with the above, a JOBBING DEPARTMENT, wherein any orders will be executed promptly. CISTERNS of any required capacity made to order.
He would also respectfully suggest to those who may contemplate building, that he is prepared to get up Designs and Plans of Rural Cottages and other Residences, with detailed specifications, Bills of quantities of materials, estimates of Cost etc., on reasonable terms. Orders for any of the above named workmanship, or services, left in care of Messrs.
DAN'L. HICKY, West Baton Rouge,
JORDAN HOLT, Rosedale, La.
ALFRED DUPLANTIER, Manchac, E. B. Rouge,
H. E. SALE, Springfield, La.,
or through the Post Office, will meet with with prompt attention.
☞ Shop on North Boulevard street, opposite the State House, Baton Rouge, La.
August 6th, 1859.

HAIR DYE.—12 Dozen each, of Christadora's, Batchelor's, Jules Hauel's and others, for sale by
july21 ED. & WM. BOGEL.

CUTLERY! CUTLERY!!

I HAVE now in Store and to arrive, a complete assortment of Pocket and Table Cutlery, of the most reliable makes, and a great many new styles, among them the celebrated India Rubber Table Knives. Call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere—as it is always a pleasure to show my stock. FRANK HUGUET.

GUNS! GUNS!! GUNS!!!

NOW IN STORE, a complete assortment of Lengths, Bores, Forward and Back Action Locks—of the celebrated and *reliable* "Gillespie Shot Guns," also the unequalled Greener Guns, and Boys Guns. Those in want of a Shot Gun are requested to call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as inducements will be offered that cannot be resisted.
nov23 FRANK HUGUET.

SEGARS! SEGARS!!

10,000 BEST Brands of Imported Havana Segars, just received and for sale cheap for cash, at M. PRENDERGAST'S,
june28 Main st., opposite Harney House.

SEGARS! SEGARS!!

PER steamer Cahawba, received a large assortment of the most favorite brands—for sale
V. HEUDE & CO.'S
june22 Drug Store.

SPLENDID STOCK
—OF—
MEN'S, YOUTHS AND BOYS' SHIRTS.

IN A FEW days we will be prepared to offer a most desirable lot of
Men's, Youths and Boys' Shirts,
which, having been made up according to our order, will surpass anything ever brought in this city. Due notice of the arrival of it will be given by DALSHEIMER, SIMON & CO.

The Best Imported Havana Segars.

LONDRES Intirmidad, First Quality;
La Meridian, " "
Consuelo " "
La Ingennidad " "
La Serrania " "
Washington, Elsol, etc., at
july19 NICHOLAS BARTOLI.

LARD OIL.

20 BARRELS Lard Oil, Peebles Ice pressed.
nov23 FRANK HUGUET.

BORING MACHINES, AUGERS &C.

JUST RECEIVED a few Boring Machines, with three Steel Augers, Patent Auger Bits, assorted sizes, Post Augers 9 and 10 inches.
may12 LARGUIER & LANOUE.

BACON.

JUST received, five casks clear bacon sides, for sale low, by
may1 S. BENJAMIN.

Child's Talmas and Boys Suits.

THE handsomest assortment of Child's Marseilles Talmas and Boys Suits to be found, can now be had at my store, the suits for little boys are very handsome.
apr24 W. D. PHILLIPS.

Manilla Cordage.

JUST received per ship Horizon, 75 Coils Grass Rope, assorted, from a Clothes Line to a Steamboat's Cable at LARGUIER & LANOUE'S
oct29. Hardware Establishment

Daily Gazette and Comet.

Supernaturalism.

Mr. Whittier's literary name has been little other than an accident of exertion directed to practical and unselfish purposes—a wayside flower, which he has hardly spared the time to gather. In the dedication of the little volume to his sister, he well expresses the feeling of relief, and almost self-reproachful enjoyment, with which he turns aside from his "long, harsh strife with strong-willed men," to converse with ghosts and witches, and all such legendary shadows. We doubt not, he will return to the battle of his life with so much the more vigor, for this brief relaxation; but we are bound to say that, if he could have more entirely thrown off the mental habit of a man writing under a stern sense of duty, he might have succeeded better in such a labor of love and idleness, as the present. In spite of himself, Mr, Whittier stoops to the theme with the austere dignity of a schoolmaster at his amusements; a condescension that may seem exaggerated, when we consider that the subject will probably retain a human interest, long after his more earnest efforts shall have lost their importance, in the progress of society.

In the first chapter of the book, there are some good remarks on the spiritual tendencies that lie beneath the earthy surface of the Yankee character. Such spirituality certainly does exist; but we cannot perceive that its indications are, or ever have been, so peculiar as to form any system that may come fairly under the title of New England Supernaturalism. The contrary is rather remarkably the fact; the forest like of the first settlers, and their intercourse with the Indians, have really grafted nothing upon the mythology which they brought with them from England—at least we know of nothing, although Mr. Whittier intimates that these circumstances did modify their English supersitions. We should naturally look for something duskier and grander in the ghostly legends of a wild country, than could be expected in a state of society where even dreams are covered with the dust of old conventionalisms. But, if there be any peculiarity, it is, that our supersitions have a more sordid, grimy, and material aspect, than they bore in the clime from which they were transplated. A New England ghost does not elevate us into a spiritual region; he hints at no mysteries beyond the grave, nor seems to possess any valuable information on subjects of that nature. He throws aside even his shroud, puts on the coat and breeches of the times, and takes up the flesh-and-blood business of life, at the very point where he dropt it at his decease. He so mingles with daily life, that we scarcely perceive him to be a ghost at all. If he indeed comes from the spiritual world, it is because he has been ejected with disgrace, on account of the essential and inveterate earthiness of his substance.

This characteristic of a New England ghost story should by all means be retained; else the legend will loose its truth. Mr. Whittier has sometimes caught the just effect, but occasionally allows it to escape, by aiming at effects which are inconsistent with the one alluded to. He has made a fine ballad of the "New Wife and the Old;"—its only defect is, indeed, that he has made it too fine, at the sacrifice of the homeliness which was its essence. His style, in fact, throughout the volume, has not quite the simplicity that the theme requires; it sparkles a little to much. The proper tone for these legends is, of course, that of the fireside narrative, refined and clarified to whatever degree the writer pleases, but still as simple as the Bible—as simple as the babble of an old woman to her grandchild, as they sit in the smoky glow of a deep chimney corner. Above all, the narrator should have faith, for the time being. If he cannot believe his ghost story while he is telling it, he had better leave the task to somebody else.—Now, Mr. Whittier never fails to express his incredulity either before or after the narrative, and often in the midst of it. It is a matter of conscience with him to do so.

One other criterion must be allowed us. Mr. Whittier has read too much. He talks too learnedly about the "Ahriman of the Parsee, the Pluto of the Roman mythology the Devil of the Jew and the Christian, the Shitan of the Mussulman, the Machinito of the Indian;" and quotes some black letter mystic or modern poet on every page. There is nothing in his treatment of the subject that requires such an array of authorities, nor any such depth in the well of his philosophy, that we can descend into it only by a flight of steps, constructed out of old folio volumes.

But, how much easier it is to censure than to praise, even where the merits greatly outweigh the defects! We conclude, with the frank admission that we like the book, and look upon it as no unworthy contribution from a poet to that species of literature which only a poet should meddle with. We hope to see more of him, in this, or some other congenial sphere.—There are many legends still to be gathered, especially along the seaboard of New England—and those too, we think, more original, and more susceptible of poetic illustration, than these rural supersititions.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.—The Constitution of the United States gives, and was intended by its founders to give to the owners of slaves, a complete right to their property, into whatever State of the Union it might escape. Its explicit language is:

3. No person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due.

It is the clear duty of the Republican party to prevent all attempts, whether by State Legislature or otherwise, to thwart and defeat this provision of the Constitution. If the party thinks that the South has given provocations which justify this mode of retaliation, it may be correct as to the reality of the provocations, but it certainly errs as to their affording a justification for the violation of any part of the constitution.—*N. Y. World, Republican.*

DR. JOHNSON.—I hold old Johnson (and shall we not pardon James Boswell some errors for embalming him for us?) to be the great supporter of the British monarcy and church during the last age—better than whole benches of bishops, better than Pitts, North, and the great Burke himself. Johnson had the ear of the nation; his immense authority reconciled it to loyalty, and shamed it out of irreligion. When George the III talked with him, and the people heard the great author's good opinion of the sovereign, whole generations rallied to the king. Johnson was revered as a sort of oracle; and the oracle declared for the church and king. What a humanity the old man had! He was a kindly partaker of all honest pleasures; a fierce foe to all sin, but a gentle enemy to all sinners. "What, boys are you for a frolic?" he cries, when Topham Beauclerc comes and wakes him up at midnight; "I'm with you." And away he goes, tumbles on with his homely old clothes, and trundles through Covent Garden with the young fellows. When he used to frequent Garrick's theatre, and had "the liberty of the scenes," he says, "All the actresses knew me, and dropped me a courtesy as they passed to the stage." That would make a pretty picture; it is a pretty picture in my mind, of youth, folly, gayety, tenderly surveyed by wisdom's merciful, pure eyes.—*Thackeray.*

☞ A country apothecary, not a little distinguished for his impudence, with a hope of disconcerting a young clergyman, whom he knew to be a man of singular modesty, asked him, in the hearing of a large company—"Why the patriarchs of old lived to such an extreme age?" To which the clergyman replied—"I suppose the ancient patriarchs took no physic."