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wanted to jump the fence on all fours, hoss way. I hitched him into the gopher, and away he went, dad leavin' forward to his pullin' right peart; and we made sharp plowin', 'dad goin' right over the bushes an' sprouts same as a real hoss, the only difference is he went on two legs. Presently we come to a sasfras patch, and dad, to act up his character as a hoss, bulged square up to it, and tore down a hornet's nest nigh as big as a hoss' head, and all the tribe kivered him rite strate. He rared and kicked once or twice, and fetched a squeal worse nor any horse in the deestrit, an' set into runnin' a way jist as natural as ever you seed.

"I let go the plow and hollered woa, dad, woa, but ye might as well said woa to a locomotive. Jewhillikins! how he run. When he came to a bush he'd clear it, gopher and all; pr'aps he tho't there must be another settlement of bald hornets in it, and that it was safer to go over than thru' an' quicker dun. Every now and then he'd paw one side of his head with first one fore leg and then tother; then he'd gin himself an open-handed slap, that sounded like a wagon whip, and rumin' all the time and carryin' that gopher jist about as fast and high from the yearth as ever a gopher was carried, I swar. When he cum to the fence he busted rite thru it, targin nigh into seven panels, scatterin' and breakin' the rails mightily; and here he left the gopher, gears, swingletrees and klivis, all mixed up, not with a darn; most of his dirt stuck to the broken end of a splintered rail, and nigh unto a pint o' hornets staid with the shirt, a stingin' it all over—the balance on 'em about a gallon and a half, kept on with dad. He seemed to run jist adactly as fast as a hornet could fly, for it was the tightest race I ever did see; down thru the grass they all went, the hornets sorter makin' it look like smoke all around dad's head, and he with nothin' on but the bridle, and nigh onto a yard o' plow line sailin' behind him. I seed he was aimin' for the swimin' hole in the creek, whar the bluff is over twenty feet perpendicular to the water, and it's nigh onto ten feet deep. To keep up his character as a hoss, when he got to the bluff he jist leaped off, or rather he jist kept on rumin'. Now right thar, boys, he overdid the thing, if that was what he was arter, for thar's nary hoss ever foalded durned fool enough to leap over such a place; a mule mout have done it, but dad warn't acting mule. I crept up to the edge and looked over. Thar was old dad's bald head, for all the world like a peeled ingon, a bobbin' up and down, and the hornets a sailin' and circlin' round, turkey-buzzard fashion, and every once in a while, one, and sometimes ten 'nd make a dip at dad's head. He kept up a peart dodgin' under, sometimes they'd hit him and sometimes they'd hit the water, and the water was kivered with drowned hornets.

"What on yearth are you doin' thar, dad?" say I. "Don't (dip) you see these infernal varmintes (dip) onto me?" "What, say I. 'Them are hoss flies thar; ye ain't really afraid of them, are ye?" "Hoss flies!" sed dad; 'there's rare (dip) ginewine bald hornets, you (dip) infernal cuss!" "Well, dad, you'll have to stay thar till nite, and arter they go to roost, you come home and I'll feed you."

"And knowin' dad's unmodified natur, I broke over them parts and sorter cum to the copper mines. I staid hid about till next afternoon, when I seed a fellow traveling, and sed I: 'What was goin' on at the cabin this side of the creek, when you cum passed it?" "Why, nothin' much, only a man was sittin' in the door with nary shirt on, and a woman was greasin' his back and arms, and his head was about as big as a ten gallon keg, and he hadn't the fass sign of an eye—all smooth!" "That man's my dad," sed I.

"Been much fite in this neighborhood lately?" sed the traveler, dryly. "Nun wuth speakin' of personally or particularly," sed I. "Now, boys, I haint seed dad since, and would be afear to meet him in the next ten years. Let's drink!"

**Noel Cure for Love.**—A new and amusing cure for love has lately been found effective in a fashionable Parisian faubourg. The son of a wealthy nobleman became enamored of his father's concierge, (door porter), and determined to marry her. The aristocratic papa opposed; but moved at last by the despair of his son, gave his consent with the proviso that the smitten youth should go to sea for twelve months before the marriage. Shortly after his departure, the father, who had previously observed a tendency to embonpoint in the young intended, took her under his especial charge, gave her every kind of the most nourishing and succulent food and good wines, and forbade her to take exercise as unbecoming his future daughter, and, in fact, stall-fed to such an extent, that when the enamored swain returned from his year's voyage, he was horrified to find, instead of the slender, elegant girl he left, an immensely fat woman, as big as two Albonis rolled into one. Of course, the ruse was successful, and the unfortunate victim of good cheer has been pensioned off.

To know how bad you are, you must become poor; and to know how bad other people are, you must become rich. Many a man thinks it is virtue that keeps him from turning rascal, when it is only a full stomach. Be careful, and not mistake possession for principles.

A widow once said to her daughter, "when you are of my age, you will be 'dreaming of a husband.'" "Yes, mamma," replied the thoughtful little hussy, "for the second time."

SADDLES & HARNESS,

MANUFACTURED AT OKOLONA.

The undersigned respectfully call the attention of the Citizens of Chickasaw and the public generally, to their superior stock of SOUTHERN MANUFACTURED SADDLES AND HARNESS.

Having procured experienced workmen, we are now putting up and have put articles that will compare with the North as well as South in neatness and durability.

Their stock consists in everything usually kept in their line, such as: LADIES and GENTS SADDLES, from sixteen to thirty-five dollars;

BUGGY HARNESS, single, from twenty to forty dollars;

DOUBLE BUGGY HARNESS, from forty to sixty-five dollars;

BRIDLES, from one dollar and a half to six;

MARTINGALES, from fifty cents to two dollars;

WAGON HARNESS, at various prices;

BUGGY, COACH, and WAGON COLLARS, WHIPS, of various kinds, MEDICAL BAGS, &c.

Also, a fine lot of BITS, BUCKLES, RINGS, TACKS, WOOD and PLATED STIRRUPS, GIRTHS, SIRCINGLES, GIRTH and REIN-WEB.

All of which we propose selling for cash as cheap as the cheapest. Give us a call, and if we do not please you, it will be because you will not be pleased.

We will at all times barter for Dry Hides at highest market prices. Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Doors opposite the Eagle Hotel.

Okolona, Jan. 27, 1858. THORNTON & MOYER.

UNRIVALLED ATTRACTIONS!! Emerson's Magazine

PUTNAM'S MONTHLY, TWO GREAT MAGAZINES IN ONE.

90,000 Copies the First Month!! MAGNIFICENT PROGRAMME FOR 1858.

\$20,000 in Splendid Works of Art. Five-Dollar Engraving to Ever Subscriber. THE GREAT LIBRARY OFFER.

Agents Getting Rich!! The Union of Emerson's Magazine and Putnam's Monthly, has given to the consolidated work a circulation second to but one similar publication in the country, and has secured for it a combination of literary and artistic talent probably unrivaled by any other magazine in the world.

During the first month, the sale in the trade and demand from subscribers exceeded 90,000 copies, and the numbers already issued of the consolidated work are universally conceded to have surpassed in the richness of their literary contents, and the beauty and profusion of their pictorial illustrations, any magazine ever before issued from the American press. Encouraged by these evidences of favor, the publishers have determined to issue a new volume in January with still additional attractions, and to offer such inducements to subscribers as cannot fail to place it, in circulation, at the head of American Magazines. With this view they now announce the following programme. They have purchased that superb and costly steel-plate engraving,

"THE LAST SUPPER," and will present a copy of it to every three-dollar subscriber for the year 1858. It was engraved at an cost of over \$5,000, by the late celebrated A. L. Dieck, from the original of Raphael Mengs, after Leonardo Da Vinci, and is the largest steel-plate engraving ever executed in this country, being three times the size of the ordinary three-dollar engravings.

The immense expense of this engraving are held at \$10, and it was the intention of the artist that one of the engravings should ever be offered for a less sum than \$5, being richly worth that amount. This every three-dollar subscriber will receive the Magazine one year—cheap at \$3—and this splendid engraving, richly worth \$5;—thus getting for \$3 the value of \$8.

We shall commence striking off the engravings immediately, yet it can hardly be expected that impressions of so large a plate can be taken so fast as they can be called for by subscribers. We shall, therefore, furnish them in the order in which subscriptions are received. Those who desire to obtain their engravings early, and from the first impressions, should send in their subscriptions without delay. The engraving can be sent on rollers, by mail, or in any manner, as subscribers shall order.

\$20,000 IN WORKS OF ART. In addition to the superb engravings of "THE LAST SUPPER," which will be presented to every three-dollar subscriber for 1858, the publishers have completed arrangements for the distribution, on the 25th day of December, 1858, of a series of splendid works of art, consisting of one hundred rich and rare Oil Paintings, valued at from \$100 to \$1,000 each, and 2,000 magnificent Steel-Plate Engravings, worth from \$3 to \$5 each, and 1,000 choice Holiday Books, worth from \$1 to \$5 each; making, in all, over THREE THOUSAND GIFTS, worth TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

INCLUDE \$3 TO THE PUBLISHERS AND YOU WILL COMMENCE RECEIVING THE MAGAZINE BY RETURN MAIL. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE WITH THE FIRST COPY A NUMBERED SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPT ENTITLING YOU TO THE ENGRAVING OF "THE LAST SUPPER," and a chance to draw one of these "Three Thousand Prizes."

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD SUBSCRIBE FOR EMERSON'S MAGAZINE. FOR 1858.

First: Because its literary contents will, during the year, embrace contributions from over one hundred different writers and thinkers, numbering among them the most distinguished of American authors.

Second: Because its editorial departments, "Our Studies," "Our Window," and "Our Old" will be conducted by an able editor—and it will surpass, in the variety and richness of its editorial contents, any other magazine.

Third: Because it will contain, during the year, nearly six hundred original pictorial illustrations from designs by the first American artists.

Fourth: Because for the sum of \$3 you will receive this splendid monthly, more richly worth that sum than any other magazine; and the superb engraving "The Last Supper," worth \$5.

Fifth: Because you will very likely draw one of the three thousand prizes to be distributed on the 25th day of December, 1858—perhaps one that is worth \$1,000.

Notwithstanding that these extraordinary inducements can hardly fail to accomplish the objects of the publishers without further efforts, yet they have determined to continue through the year.

THE GREAT LIBRARY OFFER. To any person who will get up a club of twenty-four subscribers, either at one or more post-offices, we will present a splendid Library, consisting of over Forty Large Bound Volumes, embracing the most popular works in the market.

The club may be formed at the club price, \$2 a year, without the engraving, or at the full price, \$3, with the engraving of the Last Supper to each subscriber. List and description of the Library, and specimen copy of the Magazine, will be forwarded on receipt of 25 cents. Over 200 Libraries, or 5,000 volumes, have already been distributed in accordance with this offer, and we should be glad of an opportunity to furnish a Library to every clergyman, to every school teacher, or to some one at every post-office in the country.

MAKING MONEY. The success which our agents are meeting with is almost astonishing. Among the many evidences of this fact, we present the following from one of our agents already in the field:

"I have now been at work canvassing on your Magazine one week, and am delighted with the business. It is different from canvassing for any thing else I ever tried. I am sure to get a subscriber in every family where they can rake together three dollars. I am never received with

indifference anywhere, for the first thing I do is to enroll my engraving before I let anybody know what I am after, and thus I get them interested before they know what a splendid offer I am going to make them. Sometimes they ask my price for the engraving and I tell them \$5, and when I offer them the engraving and Magazine one year for three dollars they are perfectly astonished. I did not get to going well for the first two or three days:

The 1st day I got.....2 subscribers.  
The 2d day I got.....7 subscribers.  
The 3d day I got.....6 subscribers.  
The 4th day I got.....13 subscribers.  
The 5th day I got.....9 subscribers.  
The 6th day I got.....17 subscribers.

First week.....54 subscribers.  
I shall do much better next week. It is the engraving that does the business. Everybody wants the engraving. You may calculate upon your own two thousand subscribers from me this Winter. I am going to make enough out of the business to buy me a farm in the Spring.

With such inducements as we offer, anybody can obtain subscribers. We invite every gentleman out of employment, and every lady who desires a pleasant money-making occupation to apply at once for an agency. Applicants should enclose 25 cents for a specimen copy of the Magazine, which will always be forwarded with answer to application by return mail.

SPECIMEN ENGRAVING. As we desire to place in the hands of every person who proposes to get up a club, and also of every agent, a copy of the engraving of "The Last Supper," as a specimen, each applicant enclosing \$3 will receive the engraving, post-paid by return mail, also specimens of our publications, and one of the numbered subscription receipts, entitling the holder to the Magazine one year and to a chance in the distribution. This offer is made only to those who desire to act as agents or to form clubs.

OAKSMITH & Co., No. 371 Broadway, New York.

Prospectus of the MEMPHIS AVALANCHE, A Daily, Tri-Weekly, and Weekly Newspaper, TO BE PUBLISHED IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

Knowing the expense and hazard incident to the establishment of a new paper, and also how slow in commencing our contemplated enterprise. We have, however, consummated arrangements which place the paper beyond the reach of contingencies. The first number will, therefore, be issued on the 1st day of January, 1858.

It may seem presumptuous in us to add another to the already respectable number of papers now published in this city, but believing that Memphis is destined to be one of the largest and most important cities in the South, and that we can discover some ground that has not yet been occupied, we embark in the experiment with every assurance that success will ultimately crown the labor, toil and capital we are prepared to lavish upon the enterprise. We come, not to the rival, but as the co-laborer, of the old established presses in all that concerns the growth and prosperity of the city and community generally. We shall bring to the task an energy that will never weary, an experience of many years, and as we have an extended acquaintance in this and the adjoining States, it is our confident expectation to give the paper a circulation equal to any between Louisville and New Orleans.

We are fully aware that those generally making the largest pecuniary returns are the poorest performers; we therefore prefer that the reader should form his opinion of the AVALANCHE from the paper itself. Consequently, we shall only say for the present that the paper will be published Daily, Tri-Weekly and Weekly, and will commence with a capital of twenty thousand dollars, two thousand Weekly subscribers, and seven hundred Daily subscribers. It will be essentially Democratic, but independently so—scorning to wear the collar of any party—despising the lash of a partisan. The creature of no party, the tool of no clique, the organ of no faction, the AVALANCHE will be the firm, fearless and honest exponent of the great cardinal principles upon which rests the Democratic party, and a warm and zealous supporter and defender of the men whose elevation is requisite to give permanency and strength to those principles.

THE NEWS,

PUBLISHED AT OKOLONA, MISS., BY J. H. KNOX.

John Richardson, Editor.

To The People of Mississippi. HAVING purchased a large lot of new Printing Material, from New York, we intend to enlarge the Prairie News, about January next, to an equal size with any other paper in North Mississippi. It is our intention to make the NEWS one of the first newspapers in Mississippi, and hope the public will give us a helping hand, and come generously to our support. Neither labor nor expense will be spared to make it the best.

Family Newspaper in the country—one whose cheerful and genial character will render it a welcome visitor to every household, while its constant devotion to the principles of right and justice shall win the approbation of the wise and good.

TO ADVERTISERS. The circulation of the NEWS has already increased to above Five Hundred, and is every day being enlarged. We hope to obtain five hundred more new subscribers by January next, as we intend to circulate One Thousand Copies, weekly, after that time, whether they be paid for or not. This will make its columns a desirable as well as one of the best mediums in the State, through which for the Merchants and business men of the State to advertise and make their wants and wishes known. Therefore, we say to one and all who may wish to advertise, that we will insert their advertisements in the most conspicuous manner, at the regular rates of most of the papers in the State, and lay them weekly before ONE THOUSAND READERS, if no more.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: The NEWS will be mailed to single subscribers at Two Dollars a year, if paid in advance,—Two Dollars and Fifty Cents if not paid within two months—and Three Dollars if not paid within four months, and Five Dollars if delayed six months.

CLUB RATES. We will furnish the NEWS to Clubs at the following low prices, which will make it by far the cheapest paper in Mississippi:

Five Copies for Twelve Months, \$8  
Ten Copies for Twelve Months, \$15  
Fifteen Copies for Twelve Months, \$22  
Twenty Copies for Twelve Months, \$30  
Thirty Copies, at one Postoffice, \$38

Any one sending us ten or more subscribers, at the above rates, with the money enclosed, will receive one copy gratis.

Postmasters are requested to act as agents for the NEWS—by sending us two or more subscribers and \$4, they will be entitled to one copy gratis.

Each one of our present subscribers has influence enough to send us one or more additional subscribers. Will they do it? They certainly ought to try.

OUR JOB OFFICE. This department of our office has been selected, in the Northern Cities, with great care, which will enable us to do all manner of JOB-WORK in the very neatest style. We promise the people of Mississippi to do Job-Work as well and as cheap, and with as much dispatch, as they can have it done elsewhere in the State.

Merchants and others wishing Circulars, Cards, or any other kind of Jobbing done are respectfully requested to call and give us a trial.

We are prepared to print, on the very shortest notice, Pamphlets, Catalogues, Bill Heads, Posters, Circulars, Ball Tickets, Election Tickets, &c., &c.

All Letter on business with the office should be addressed to the publisher.

RICHARDSON & KNOX.

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Increased Attractions!

Thackeray, Charles Reade, Mrs. Gaskell, and Wilkie Collins.

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MR. THACKERAY'S NEW NOVEL, "The Virginians," with many humorous illustrations by the Author, was commenced in the December Number of HARPER'S MAGAZINE. It is printed from early sheets, received from the Author in advance of publication in England—for which the publishers pay Mr. Thackeray the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

MR. CHARLES READE'S NEW STORY, entitled "Jack of All Trades—A MATTER OF FACT ROMANCE," written exclusively for HARPER'S MAGAZINE, was also commenced in the December Number.

MRS. GASKELL'S BEAUTIFUL STORY, entitled "The Dawn of the Griffiths," will be found in the Number for January.

MR. WILKIE COLLINS'S POWERFUL TALE, entitled "The Marriage Tragedy," will appear complete in the February Number.

The above three stories are written exclusively for HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

More than One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Copies are now issued of each Number of HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

This success, to which the history of Periodical Literature affords no parallel, has not been achieved, and is not maintained, without a liberal expenditure of labor and money. The ample remuneration offered by the Publishers enables them to secure the best productions of the most accomplished Authors and Artists of the country, to whom at least Three Thousand Dollars are paid for the Matter and Illustrations of each Number of the Magazine.