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SONG OF THE NEST.

There was once a nest in a hollow, Down in the mosses and knot-grass pressed...

THE WHITE CAMELIAS.

Those who love and have parted, can imagine what the sad farewell would be. Again and again, "Good-bye and God bless you," was said...

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Cuba. But nothing positive could be ascertained; they were sometimes reported simultaneously in almost antipodal places, but my own idea was, they had gone to Europe.

It was a winter evening, cold and snowy without, but bright and cheerful in our drawing room, where the light and warmth of candle and fire-light fell on curtains and carpet...

The reading had concluded, and my work resumed, when Caesar put his shining face in at the door. "Please, mas, dere's a white woman in de office wants you."

His tenderness and charity for the lost creature showed me my unchristian, and for the time unwomanly spirit, and silently putting my hand in his, I crossed the passage, to the study.

Clung to me; "I have not eaten a bit since yesterday and I am cold, oh, so cold." I glanced at my husband, the tears were bright in his eyes as he looked at the forlorn creature...

Before putting her in the bath, as I removed the wretched clothes, a packet dropped from her bosom on the ground. "Oh, give it to me, Esther," she said, "do not let it be lost, they are my white camellias, do you remember? I have always kept them."

There was silence, a silence which was trying to me, since I knew that everything hung on a breath. Louis put his hand to his eyes as if suddenly blinded, and then said: "What do you wish me to do?"

"I think not, Fred; I do not believe any man could overlook such an offence as that. What! leave his love, blight his home and his happiness, and then expect to be taken back?"

We told him where she lay, and heard him ascend the stairs, and presently stop before her door. Then he entered, and I heard a faint cry, but in a moment all was still.

On the evening of the third day, she rallied a little, and Louis bending over her said: "You must try to get better, dearest, and I will take you to Italy, where the warm sun and sweet air will revive you."

Louis still continues with us, becoming daily more and more weaned from earth, and looking forward calmly and trustingly to the time when he too shall lay down the body, and exchange sin and suffering for joy in His presence.

THE ESCAPE OF UNION PRISONERS.—Some of the officers who succeeded in getting out of Libby prison and inside of our lines have arrived at Baltimore. The account given of their escape is highly interesting.

The work was necessarily very slow; so close was the atmosphere in the tunnel they could remain in it but a few minutes at a time and their candles would go out.

COMMON PEOPLE HAPPIEST.—It is the average man who is most likely to have a happy and prosperous life. Great talents involve great duties, great cares, great vicissitudes, great perils.

Genius is the rarest of all the productions of nature—the Germans even affirming that Homer, Shakespeare, and Goethe were the only three men of genius that ever lived.

GROWLER'S INCOME TAX.

My neighbor Growler, an excitable man, by the way, was particularly excited over his "Income Tax," or, as he called it, his "War Tax."

"You're all right," I said, smiling. "I'd like to know what you mean by all right!" Growler was just a little offended at my way of treating this very serious matter—serious in his eyes, I mean.

"Very well—state it!" said Growler, dumping himself into a chair, and looking as if humorless as possible. "Instead of being robbed," said I, "you have been protected in your property and person, and guaranteed all the high privileges of citizenship for the paltry sum of forty-three dollars and twenty-one cents as your share of the cost of protection."

"Cost me?" Growler looked at me in a kind of maze, as if he thought me half in jest. "Exactly! What would it have cost you? Lee, if unopposed, would certainly have reached this city and held it; and if your property had been of use to him, or of any of his officers or soldiers, it would have been appropriated without so much as saying—By your leave, sir? Would forty-three dollars and twenty-one cents have covered the damage? Perhaps not. Possibly, you might have lost one-half to two-thirds of all you are worth."

"What has kept the Alabama or the Florida from running up the Delaware and burning the whole city front? Do you have forts and ships of war for the protection of your property? If not, who provides them? They are provided, and you are safe. What is your share of the expense for a whole year? Just forty-three dollars and twenty-one cents! It sounds like a jest!"

Growler was silent still. "But for our immense armies in the field, and navy on the water, this rebellion would have succeeded. What then? Have you ever pondered the future of this country in such an event? Have you thought of your own position? Of the loss or gain to yourself?—How long do you think we would be at peace with England or France, if the nation were dismembered, and a hostile Confederation established on our Southern border? Would our war taxes be less than now? Would life and property be more secure? Have you not an interest in our great army and navy, as I and every other member of the Union?—Does not your safety as well as mine lie in their existence? Are they not, at this time, the conservators of everything we hold dear as men and citizens? Who equips these ships? Where does the enormous sum of money required come from? It is the nation's work—the people aggregate in power and munificence, and so irresistible in might—unconquerable. Have you no heart-swells of pride in this magnificent exhibition of will and strength? No part in the nation's glory?—No eager helping hand to stretch forth?"

the nation access to you as your share in the cost of this security? Half your property! No—not a farthing of that property! Only a small per centage of your income from that property!

"And seeing the way you put the case I am more than half ashamed of myself, he answered frankly. Why, taking your view, this is about the cheapest investment I ever made."

"Nearer ten millions of dollars. From the time our army left the Bappahannock, until the battle of Gettysburg, its cost to the Government could scarcely have been less than we have mentioned. Of this sum your proportion can scarcely have been more than three or four dollars; and for that trifling sum your property and perhaps your life was held secure."

"You have been assessed fifty-eight dollars," he said in his excited way, "fifty-eight dollars, one would think from the noise you make about it, that you had been robbed of half your property. Fifty-eight dollars for security at home and abroad! Fifty-eight dollars as your share of the expenses of defence against an enemy that, if unopposed, will desolate our homes and destroy our government! Already it has cost the nation for your safety and mine, over a thousand millions of dollars; and you are angry because it asks for your little part of the expense. Sir you are not worthy the name of an American citizen!"

"That is hard talk Growler and I went bear it!" said the other. "It is true talk and you will have to bear it!" was retorted. "Frotting over the mean little sum of fifty-eight dollars! Why, sir, I know a man who has given his right arm in the cause; and another who has given his right leg. Do they grumble? No, sir! I never heard a word of complaint from their lips. Thousands and tens of thousands have given their sons, and wives have given their husbands—sons and husbands who will never more return! They are with the dead. Sir, you are dishonouring yourself in the eyes of men. A grumbler over this paltry war tax—for shame!"

HOW TO TREAT CHILDREN.—Pity and love the little children. Tolerate their pets. Comfort Nellie over her dead bird, and don't call Molly's "little white kitty" a "cat." It is enough to break a juvenile heart to have one's darling snubbed. How would you like to hear your own Frederick Augustus called a "dirty young one?" The little ones have their tragedies and comedies, and laugh and weep more sincerely than you do at Falstaff or Lear. They love, marry, keep house, have children, have weddings, and funerals, and dig little graves for dear me in the garden, and mourn in small white handkerchiefs, and get brother Jim to write an appropriate inscription for its tiny head board. Is not this human nature in little folks, and in its small way, as deserving of a certain respect? You do not despise your own reflections in a concave mirror, you know. Cherish the children; mend their frocks; don't scold them for broken toys—for man is not more inevitably mortal than playthings. Don't strip their fat shoulders in winter, nor roast them in fannels in dog days, because somebody told you so. Don't drug them; don't yarf them; don't stuff them with pastry, or starve them on chippy bread; don't send them to infant schools at three, or fancy balls at ten, nor teach them the commandments earlier than they can remember Mother Goose. Let them have Christmas and Fairy stories; grandpa's horse-cane rather than Mr. Birch's ferule; Little-Bo-Peep, not English Reader; Mary Howitt, not Jameson's Rhetoric.

Rev. G. D.—of Fayetteville county Ark., one of the genius "forest-born" orators, preaching not long since on "the glory of the saints," delivered the following burst of "native" eloquence, which is too good to be lost: Who, my brethren can describe the glory of the saints? Why, nothing on earth can liken it. If you drill a hole in the sun and put it on your head for a crown, and split the moon and put it on your shoulders for epaulettes—If you tear down the starry curtains of the skies and wrap it around your body for a robe, and ride to heaven on the lightning wings of the tempest—this will be as nothing to the glory of the saints!"

TIRED OF WAITING. A Chicago girl, tired of waiting for the young men who don't "propose"—probably on account of the expense—takes advantage of the season, and speaks out boldly over her own name in the "Wants" column of the Chicago Tribune, as follows: "This is leap year. I'll wait no longer. So here I am, twenty-one years, old, healthy, prepossessing, medium size, full chested, educated, prudent, large sparkling eyes, long black hair, and as full of fun as a chestnut is full of meat, born to make some man happy, and want a home. Does anybody want me?"

According to the New Haven Register, Connecticut is turning its attention from wooden nutmegs to fish-hooks. These hooks have hitherto been made abroad and by hand, but a New Haven man has now invented a machine which "chews up steel wire into all sizes of hooks, and spits them out as fast and as perfect as a pin machine!" It is told of the reverend father of the Beechers, that when his son Edward first appeared as the advocate of the doctrine now championed by Charles, in his "Conflict of the Ages," some one asked the venerable doctor if he did not feel grieved that his son should use his talents for such a purpose. "There's one comfort,"—was the quick and laughing reply—"he can't prove it."

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WATERVILLE, FEB. 26, 1864.



AGENTS FOR THE MAIL. S. M. PETTENGILL & CO., Newspaper Agents, No. 10 State Street, Boston, and 57 Park Row, New York, are Agents for the WATERVILLE MAIL and are authorized to receive advertisements and subscription, at the same rates as required at this office.

PUT TO THE TEST.—Samples of porter, ale, strong beer and cider, such as retailed in the Boston drinking shops, have recently been analyzed by Dr. Hayes, the state assayer of Massachusetts, and the result published.

sec. He was escorted to the statehouse by the 2d Maine cavalry, where he received with some ceremony, and made a brief speech. In the evening he held a levee at the council chamber, where he shook hands with the gentlemen and kissed a few of the most kissable of the Augusta ladies.

TALK ABOUT WINSLOW.

After a great deal of talk and numerous town meetings, it was decided to repair the meeting house—reserving a part of the addition for a town-house. This was done by a town-tax, and the pews sold, nearly in the same way as when it was built.

Mr. Adams, before mentioned, married a daughter of Major Wm. Swan of Winslow. After Mr. May left there was no regular preaching for some time, when Rev. Henry C. Jewett was obtained, and meeting the wishes of the society, was installed as pastor of the church. Mr. Jewett left in 1842 for his native town, where both himself and wife have since died.

When Winslow was first settled, and for many years after, religious societies were not numerous, and religious denominations still less; hence the cause of taxing all to build meeting houses and support preaching of one denomination; but in process of time other denominations crept in, and men knowing that they lived in a free country believed they might make denominational selections.

There has also been built, about fifteen years since, a Baptist meeting house in the north easterly part of the town, which is a very neat and comfortable house of worship. They have preaching there a large portion of the time, and a very respectable attendance.

At the south easterly part of the town is a neighborhood, mostly belonging to the society of Friends in East Vassalboro'. A few people, also, between the rivers, attend church at Waterville. The statistics of the religious societies will be given in a future number; ending its ecclesiastical history, for the present.

In the early history of the town, we find an interest manifested for the education of their children; but from their isolated situation and the necessary burdens that fell upon them, they were unable to do but little.

anxieties of the teachers of the present day, in passing the ordeal of a formal examination, but were employed, and set to work by some one who had or assumed the authority. Good penmanship in those early days was a sine qua non; and it was expected that the teacher would teach his pupils to read and cipher. Declamations were of frequent occurrence; or "speaking pieces" as it was called. Some of the old people remember songs taught them by "Master" such a one. One of the first teachers in Winslow was the father of the late Nathaniel Gilman of Waterville.

Annexed are the names of Representatives chosen in Winslow, after 1810:— Zimri Heywood, 1782; Gen. Ezekiel Patee, 1783, 1784, 1786, 1787; Col. Arthur Lithgow, 1789, 1795; George Warren Esq., 1791, 1792; Benj. Runnels, 1793; Col. Josiah Hayden, 1794, 1809; Dr. Obadiah Williams, 1796; Elnathan Shirwin, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802; Charles Hayden Esq., 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806; Eleazer Wheelock Ripley, 1807, 1808; Lemuel Paine, 1810.

In those years when no Representative was chosen, the neglect was by a vote of the town; as they could vote or not as they pleased.

LETTER TO 'SKIPET'

Winslow, Feb. 22, 1864. MR. "SKIPET"—I wish to inform you that the girls are not all silenced because they have not sooner noticed your "grand charge at their extravagance," and don't think that you are the first man that made that discovery.

The more reckless and wasteful a girl can be, the better the beaux like them. May be they will put an article in the paper, wishing for a prudent wife, but catch them courting such an one, they would pronounce her dull, no life at all, anything but fascinating, and cut out for a regular old maid.

I have to wear gloves when sweeping, for fear of soiling my hands, and I even wash the floors, when mother is sick, but take good care to fasten the doors, lest some gentlemen should come in unawares and find me in the act; for, such being the case, I should never get married. If I did not love my mother too well to let her do all the work without my help, you would not catch me knowing anything about housework, for it is so much trouble to conceal the fact.

I dare not let a gentleman know that I am at all saving. I had to give away a good dress, the other day, that I had worn three winters, because I overheard a gentleman say,— "I hope Sue will get done wearing that old dress, sometime, or she will get to be a real old maid. She has had it ever since I can remember."

I came near "spoiling my market" the other day, by a gentleman coming in and finding me making lamp-lighters. Said he,—"Sue, what are you doing?"

"Making lamp-lighters for you to light cigars with," said I.

"There now," he continued, "how long since you have been so saving? That is a regular old maid's trick."

Now you know, yourself, Mr. Skipet, that you would have nothing to say to a girl that was saving, prudent, and preferred living in a quiet, cosy way, and held to saving money for a "rainy day," and one that could talk anything but nonsense. You would call such an one a "prude, an old maid," say there was nothing bewitching about her; but you would lavish all attentions upon one that talked nonsense, and dressed as extravagantly as it was possible for her to do, and that ignored anything useful. I can tell you that when the gentlemen show attention to prudent, sensible girls, and slight those that are extravagant, they will find very few of the latter class.

Now I think you had better leave our sex, and commence a reformation in your own.

shovel handles, and sold to manufacturers in Philadelphia.

NOTE.—The writer of the following letter is a good fellow in the main, and a prompt paying subscriber (money enclosed shows that) yet, as he is what A. Ward styles a "sarkastical cuss," and is inclined to poke fun at this burgh in a sly way, while complimenting the Mail, we publish his note, although it is a great trial to our modesty.

Lewiston, Feb. 23, 1864. MESSRS. MAXHAM & WING:—Enclosed please find two dollars, the amount of one year's subscription for your valuable paper. When I last subscribed for your paper it was one dollar and fifty cents, but I saw by your prospectus that you had been obliged to advance the price to two dollars, which I think is hardly a fair price for so large and well conducted a sheet.

I have often thought it would be a good place for Sylvanus Cobb to arrange his tales in for the New York Ledger. He might once in a while be disturbed by Bacchanalian songs or the hum of insects, but not enough to force him to eat opium and retire to some back room for peace and quiet.

DESPERATION OF THE REBELS.—Aware that a sharp crisis is approaching, the leaders of the Southern rebellion have resorted to certain desperate measures, the adoption of which reveals the dire extremity of the Confederacy.

The Richmond Examiner says Gen. Averill's forces have been increased to 5,000 and that he is preparing for another raid up the Peninsula with their advance at Bonhamsville, but says there is no occasion for alarm, as Richmond is covered from assault.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.—A school, which will be open to all except the very youngest scholars, will be taught at the High School room in the south brick school house, during the long vacation of the public schools, this spring.

LEVEE AT WEST WATERTVILLE.—We think our friends at West Waterville, with such as choose to attend from abroad, may safely promise themselves a good time next week, for on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 1st and 2d, the ladies connected with the Baptist society of that five village will hold a levee, at which a varied entertainment will be provided, with an abundant provision of 'creature comforts.'

A band of English operatives from Lancashire—about fifty adults, male and female, with a fair proportion of little folk—came over the Maine Central Railroad, on Thursday, from the west. They go into the employ of the North Vassalboro' Manufacturing Company, having crossed the Atlantic in the Hi-bernia for that purpose.

Coming to a strange land and to a different climate, they find much to excite their wonder. Snow was a novelty to them; and as they moved off from the depot on their first sleigh ride they vented their feelings in loud exclamations of delight.

WATERTVILLE HORSE ASSOCIATION.—A notice in our advertising columns shows that the wide-awake gentlemen connected with the Waterville Horse Association are moving early in the campaign of 1864. We predict lively times on the Society's grounds the coming season.

How the world is given to lying! On the credit of a newspaper statement, we announced that Adj. Frank W. Haskell, of the 19th Me. had been discharged for disability; whereas, the truth was, he had just returned to his regiment, ready to join in the now movement on Richmond.

Cattle Markets.

The stock of cattle and sheep at market last week was even smaller than the week before, and Maine furnished only one car load, a good many of the cattle from this section being switched off at Portland. Prices are reported as follows:—

First quality beefs, \$9.50 to \$9.75; second do., \$8.50 to \$9.25; third quality, \$7.50 to \$8.25; extra, \$10 and over.

Working oxen—\$80 to \$175, or according to their value as beef.

Sheep and Lambs—7 to 7 1-2 cts. per lb. on live weight; extra fat and heavy, 8 to 9

At Cambridge, this week, prices advanced, and the quotations for beef cattle are—Extra, \$10.75 to \$11.00; first quality, \$10.25 to \$10.50; second, \$9.50 to \$9.75; third, \$8.50 to \$9.25. Sheep were sold by live weight, at 7 to 8 1-2 cents per lb.

War of Redemption.

Extensive moves are being made on the checkerboard. Sherman presses towards Mobile, and Gen. Smith is co-operating. Grant is moving steadily onward, driving the rebels before him, and Farragut has already commenced an attack upon the defences of Mobile.

Sigel, we are pleased to learn, has been placed in the command of the department of West Virginia. A different policy will no doubt be inaugurated then immediately.

A Washington special dispatch says the rebel Gen. Lee's cavalry, 7,000 strong, is hanging on Sherman's flank, and have captured a considerable number of men who fell out of the ranks exhausted.

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The troops in Arkansas are riding the country of armed rebels with great success. The secrecy of the movements discouraged the rebels, so that they have lost all heart, and surrender in small squads daily.

On the 14th a battalion of the 11th Tennessee cavalry, on the Va. road, were surprised by a large force of rebel cavalry. Two companies of the 91st Ind. and 2d N. C. infantry were with Col. Davis. The Co. of the 91st Ind. cut and fought their way through with the loss of three killed. Two officers and 60 of Col. Davis's men escaped, but the rest of the command were captured.

A despatch from Fortress Monroe announces the safe arrival there of several more of the escaped Union officers, among whom is Lieutenant Colonel Hooper of the 15 Massachusetts. The Richmond Examiner gives the names of twenty-one who have been recaptured and returned to prison. It is stated that there are only eleven of the escaped officers who are yet unaccounted for, either as safe or as retaken.

A party of the 2d Mass. cavalry were attacked from an ambush on Monday, while on a scouting expedition near Drainesville, Virginia, by a force of guerrillas. Eight were killed, including the captain commanding the detachment, and quite a number are said to have been taken prisoners.

The Richmond papers of the 20th inst. state that the rebel war department received on the 17th inst. an official dispatch, that the enemy made demonstrations with gunboats and land force at Grand Pass, 35 miles from Mobile.—The fire of the enemy fell short. There is no doubt that this approach is from Banks's lines.

Sherman's column is approaching by Mobile and Ohio Railroad. A third column from Pensacola is also advancing from Pollard, 40 miles distant. The situation of Mobile is critical. Another dispatch announces the repulse of federals with great loss at Grand Pass.

At the same time the rebels attacked our outposts at Powell's bridge, consisting of 50 men, supported by a block house, but the rebels were repulsed 3 times, when Col. Pickering with his men were withdrawn, to prevent their being cut off.

SICK SOLDIERS.—We find the following names in a list of soldiers reported in the Philadelphia hospitals, on the 1st of Feb.:— Thomas Mason, D. 16th, Lewiston, diarrhoea; Lewis C. Beard, D. 16th, Waterville, debility; H. W. Nye, C. 19th, Fairfield, gun-shot wound, thigh; J. W. Bigelow, A. 19th, Smithfield, gun-shot wound, arm and side; I. S. Pratt, 3d Vassalboro', intermittent fever; S. E. Frost, E. 3d, gun-shot wound, arm; H. Emery, C. 19th, Fairfield, gun-shot wound, foot; McCausland, B. 16th, Gardner, gun-shot wound, thigh; H. H. Taylor, H. 19th, Winslow, diarrhoea; Charles Avery, A. 20th, Sidney, gun-shot wound, hand; James A. Lumber, 5th Battery, Belgrade, gun-shot wound, leg; B. M. Estes, H. 19th, Vassalboro', gun-shot wound, leg; C. L. Hamlin, H. 19th, Vassalboro', gun-shot wound, leg.

War has commenced in Europe, by the advance of the Germans who have defeated the Danes and now occupy the disputed territory. It remains to be seen what proportions this cloud of war will assume in the progress of events.

Another woodshed on the Maine Central Railroad was burned at Eton, on Monday night. It contained about 125 cords of wood. The loss is covered by insurance.

True and manly.—Singular as it may seem, considering they are lawyers, the names of the new firm at Augusta accurately describe their characters; at least so says the Maine Farmer. See their card in another column.

Maine Legislature.

Thursday, 18th.—The Bounty Bill was reported in a new draft in the Senate and passed. The Legislature invited Col. Taylor of East Tennessee and Gen. Burnside, to visit Augusta.

Friday, 19th.—An order of inquiry passed by the Senate proposes action of the Legislature in favor of a ship canal between Lakes Erie and Ontario. The House Committee of Elections reported adversely on the right of Mr. Blaney, the sitting member from Bristol, to a seat in the House. The matter was assigned for discussion on Wednesday next. The Bounty Bill was made the subject of protracted debate in the House but was passed in concurrence.

Saturday, 20th.—The Special Committee appointed for that purpose, reported a programme for the observance of Washington's Birth-day, which was adopted.

Monday, 22d.—No business of importance was transacted in either branch, the members uniting in a celebration of the Birth-Day of Washington.

Tuesday, 23d.—After the transaction of a little business, the two houses went into convention for the reception of Gen. Burnside; and after a speech by the Hero of Roanoke, in which he paid high compliments to Maine troops, and another by Col. Taylor, who was present on a mission on behalf of the sufferers in East Tennessee, followed by remarks from Rev. W. A. P. Dillingham, a contribution of \$3,150 was taken.

Wednesday 24th.—In the Senate, an order of inquiry relative to the mismanagement at Camp Keyes was passed in concurrence, and committee chosen. Resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary, after debate, was passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the report of the committee on elections, declaring Nehemiah Boland, Jr. entitled to a seat as member from Bristol, after debate, was accepted. F. O. J. Smith, member elect from Westbrook, made his appearance for the first time during the session, and was qualified.

Mr. Dillingham, of Waterville, offered an order, directing the committee on Education to consider the propriety of recommending to the Legislature that whenever the State shall grant one township of land to any college or seminary of learning, two townships of land shall be set aside for the common schools; and further, that whenever the State shall grant lands for any purpose of internal improvement, twenty per centum of the proceeds of such lands shall be placed in the Treasury of the State for the credit of the common school fund.

DIED.—Mr. Chs. R. Phillips, formerly a well known citizen of Waterville, died at Stockton, Cal., on the 31st of December, aged 39 years and 3 months.

GOOD PLUCK.—Andrew Bisbee, of Norridgewock, formerly of the 7th Maine, who lost a leg at Williamsburg, and now has in his body two rebel bullets, has just re-enlisted in the Invalid corps, and is ordered to report to Maj. Gardner. Since losing his leg he has learned the shoemaker's trade, and says he can now do more for the support of his family than before. Here is an example of pluck and enterprise that ought to shame some of our boys into action.

SANITARY COMMISSION.—For a few days more—probably till the middle of next week—Mr. E. T. Fiden will receive contributions for the Sanitary Commission.

Ephraim Rollin, of Weld, a member of Co. F. 2d Maine Cavalry was accidentally shot in Hallowell, on Tuesday last.

The Provost Marshal is busy preparing for the draft. Volunteering was never more brisk than now.

The Washington Star says, "Of 30,000 veterans whose time expires within the next nine months, 25,000 have already re-enlisted."

Letters have been received announcing the safe arrival at New Orleans, of the 29th Maine. Officers of the 14th Maine report that the steamer Merrimack was passed some distance down the Mississippi, with the 80th on board. There were some fifty cases of small pox in the regiment.

The Alabama is not blockaded at Amoy, as reported.

THE CHESAPEAKE CASE. St. John, N. B. Feb. 24.—The Police Magistrate delivered judgment to-day in the Chesapeake case, ordering the prisoners to be committed to jail for surrender to the United States authorities.

He said the evidence for prosecution discloses that the prisoners and other parties who captured the passenger steamer Chesapeake were cowards and villains. That the only authority for the seizure of the Chesapeake is that given by John Parker and he had no power to give commissions; that there was no authority for transfer of power to Parker of letter of marque; could find no justification for the capture of the Chesapeake. It was piracy, robbery and murder. It was within the jurisdiction of the U. S. courts and a case within the extradition treaty. Application will be made for a habeas corpus to bring the case before the Supreme Court.

FIRE. The Tavern stand owned by Capt. Chas. Bates in Norridgewock, took fire in the attic, from a defect in the chimney, about 7 1/2 o'clock on Sunday morning last, and was totally destroyed. The furniture was saved. Insured for \$2000. [Skowhegan Clarion.]

FOR THROAT DISEASES and affections of the Chest, "Brown's Bronchial Troches," or Cough Lozenges, are of great value. In Coughs, Irritation of the Throat caused by cold or Unusual Exertion of the vocal organs, in speaking in public, or singing, they produce the most beneficial results.

WATERVILLE MAIL.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.—WATERVILLE. DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

OUR TABLE. THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The following is the table of contents of the March number:

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The Queen of California; The Brother of Mercy; Ambassadors in Bonds; Wet-Weather Work; On the Religion of Art; Nature—II; Our Climates; Whittier; The Convulsionists of St. Médard; House and Home Papers—III; Song; Our Soldiers; William Makepeace Thackeray; The Peninsular Campaign; Reviews and Literary Notices; Recent American Publications.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—The January number of this able quarterly has the following table of contents:

The Life and Writings of Roger Bacon; The Tunnel under Mont Cenis; Astrology and Magic; The Paralysis of Gold; Gilchrist's Life of William Blake; Depreciation of Russia in Parliament; The Insipid Writings of Haman; Russia; The Physiology of Sleep; Contemporary Literature.

THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY.—Without copying the table of contents, we can assure our readers that the March number of this live work is fully up to the high mark which it has established for itself.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE FOR MARCH has a fine steel engraving entitled 'Morning'; a handsome colored fashion plate; a full page wood engraving, 'Gathering Water-Cresses'; a crocheted Song-Shawl pattern in colors; and a great variety of other patterns and designs.

THE LADIES' REPOSITORY.—The embellishments in the February number of 'The Hill Side Brook'—a charming winter picture—and a portrait of John Locke. The reading matter is excellent and the variety furnished ensures something for all tastes.

GOODY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR MARCH is a charming number. It has continuations of 'Nobody to Blame,' by Marion Harland; and 'Adventures of a Bachelor,' by the author of 'Miss Simmens,' with many other interesting stories and much good reading.

FACTS, FUN, AND FANCY. This issue contains a number of amusing anecdotes and short stories, including one about a woman who was found on a railroad near Troy on the ground that she had three husbands fighting for her in the army.

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NOTICES.

The sale of the Plantation Bitters is without precedent in the history of the world. There is no secret in the matter.

They are especially recommended to clergymen, public speakers, and persons of literary habits and sedentary life, who require a good digestion, a relish for food, and clear mental faculties.

Delicate females and weak persons are certain to find in these Bitters what they have so long looked for. They purify, strengthen and invigorate.

Letter of Rev. E. F. Crane, Chaplain of the 107th New York Regiment; NEAR AQUINA CREEK, March 4th, 1863.

Owing to the great exposure and terrible decomposition after the battle of Antietam, I was utterly prostrated and very sick. My stomach would retain medicine.

Letter from the REV. N. E. GILDS, St. Charlesville, Pa.; GENTLEMEN—You were kind enough, on a former occasion, to send me a half dozen bottles of Plantation Bitters for \$5.50.

I have given your Plantation Bitters to hundreds of our noble soldiers who, before the war, were or had been disabled from various causes, and the effect has been marvellous and gratifying.

Letter of W. A. CHURCH, Surgeon of the Tenth Vermont Regiment; DR.—I wish every soldier had a bottle of Plantation Bitters. They are the most effective, perfect, and harmless tonic I ever used.

Letter of P. H. DRAKE & CO.; GENTLEMEN—We require another supply of your Plantation Bitters, the popularity of which daily increases with the guests of our house.

A Friend in Need. Try it. DR. SWARTZ'S INFALLIBLE LINIMENT is prepared from the receipt of Dr. Stephen Swartz, of Connecticut, the great bone setter.

VENETIAN LINIMENT. V. L. MORSE TESTIMONY. This is to certify that for the last year I have used in my family Dr. Tobias's celebrated Venetian Liniment, and in every instance have found it fully equal to its recommendations.

DR. CHEESEMAN'S PILLS. Important to Females. DR. CHEESEMAN'S PILLS are the most effective remedy for all complaints peculiar to FEMALES.

DR. CHEESEMAN'S PILLS. THE combination of ingredients in these pills is the result of a long and extensive practice. They are mild in their operation, and certain in correcting all irregularities.

MARRIAGES. In this village, 14th inst., by Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Mr. George F. Smiley, of Sidney, and Miss Louisa A. Bailey, of Waterville.

DEATHS. In this village, 14th inst., by Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Mr. George F. Smiley, of Sidney, and Miss Louisa A. Bailey, of Waterville.

FOUR CAPE FOUND. FOUND in Main street, Waterville, on the 26th inst., a Fox Fur Cape, which the owner can have on application to the subscriber, by proving property and paying charges.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS OF THE WATERVILLE HORSE ASSOCIATION are requested to meet at the store of I. H. Low, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 8 o'clock P. M.

THE Spring term will commence March 14th. Students will be admitted into any class in the College or Seminary, for which they may be qualified.

TRU & MANLEY, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, Corner of Bridge and Water Streets, AUGUSTA, ME.

LAW SCHOOL OF HARVARD COLLEGE, 1864. TWO TERMS of Nineteen Weeks each, commencing MARCH 7th and SEPTEMBER 5th.

FREEDOM NOTICE. THIS is to certify that I have given my son WM. H. HAN his due share of the remainder of his minority, and I shall claim none of his wages nor pay any of his bills after this date.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE AND THE BRITISH REVIEWS. PRICES CHEAP AS EVER. TO THOSE WHO PAY PROMPTLY IN ADVANCE. POSTAGE REDUCED!!

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SELECT VOCAL COMPOSITIONS. PUBLISHED IN NUMBERS, for the convenience of Musical Conventions, Choirs, and Singing Classes and Schools.

Notice. ALL persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or receiving any goods from the late estate of J. A. B. GILCHRIST, unless they have received my authority to do so.

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PENSIONS, BOUNTY, and BACK PAY.

Everett R. Drummond, Counselor at Law, and Government Claim Agent, WATERVILLE, ME.

MR. DRUMMOND has had experience in procuring and applying for pensions, by mail or otherwise, will be promptly and faithfully attended to.

GREAT RUSH AT THE KITCHEN SHOE STORE! THIS subscriber would inform his friends and customers that he still continues to do all kinds of

To Tea Stands. A VERY nice article, which has drunk the best of good judges for 20 years—

NEW AND CHOICE MILINERY GOODS. Constantly received and for sale by

I'm an expensive animal! I should know, enough to get me going.

NEW GOODS AT THE PARLOR SHOE STORE! Military and Helmet Felt Hats, BRACK, GARNET, and SCARLET FEATHERS.

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MISCELLANY.

"ON TO RICHMOND!"

BY J. W. WATSON.

Great God! in all this mighty land, in all this land of God! Have we not hands enough to strike the reptile in his den?

Ten thousand brothers bear their traitorous gibes and sneers, And rest content while nations think we wait upon their friends.

O freemen, through a scum of States, bear not a foul brand, Its very name, though undesired, will curse your native soil.

O freemen, from New England's homes, from Western hills and dales, Shut not your eyes when Southern winds bear homeward

Will you, when all the rushing winds are full with words of dread, Still sit supreme in Northern homes, as though your hearts

Not die upon the battlefield, where man should yield his breath, But in a loathsome prison-house—a slow and torturing

Where are the millions that once sprang, in echo of their blow, To overrun the Southern land and crush the traitor's foot?

When Sumter's hollowed flag was trailed beneath the smothered, Then armed men sprang fiercely upon every road and street.

Have two short years crushed out the life—so still'd a nation's breath, That even at a brother's cry the life-blood fails to start?

Oh, no! the words are falsehoods—own these millions still must live, To grant the lives their brothers crave and give them power

O honest man, whose hand upholds the scepter of our power, Would that some voice could speak to thee and teach thee

Could teach thee that thy voice should ring like some loud trumpet call, And setting each thought aside, should fiercely summon

Not for a week, a year—but for a holy war, To sweep a Sodom from the earth that knows no human

Not as a hand to wait for time, but quick and fiercely strong; To crush full Richmond till her name shall be known in

They wait, great Chief, on every hill, in every peaceful vale, They wait to hear such words as these—"Rise, men of

a knack of bewitching people. I'd just like to peep into her china-closet, though; I warrant that it looks like a rat's nest, and I'm almost

O, dear! there isn't much use in trying to do one's duty in this world. It's so lonesome these long evenings with Tendril gone. I wish I knew any way to amuse him and keep him at

The supremacy of the Mormons in Utah is approaching its end. The jettile population have got a fearful dose of the development

Dr. Livingstone, the African traveller, is reported to have been killed by the natives while endeavoring to discover the source of the river

The copperhead leaders have hardly yet recovered from the effect of Gen. Gantt's speech at Harrisburg. After his capture at Island No.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, in a letter to his son, who had been caught in some youthful indiscretion, wrote:—I must say my son, that no

A LEGAL PILL.—The late Mr. Peter Brewors, an eminent Irish barrister, was on one occasion while defending a prisoner, oppressed

GEN. HOWARD.—We do not believe in hero worship, so called, but when we hear of good qualities in our public men, we like to refer to

WHAT IS THE REASON. BY MRS. GEORGE WASHINGTON WYLLIE. I don't see why Mr. Tendril isn't more contented to stay at home! I'm sure nobody ever

O, here he comes! I wish you wouldn't walk with your hands in your pocket. Tendril, it makes me so nervous. Do come here and

NEW MILLINERY GOODS. FALL AND WINTER MILLINERY GOODS. At the Store recently occupied by Mr. L. R. Hayes, corner of Temple and Main Streets.

MISSES D. & S. FISHER. WILL, on Monday next, open a well selected stock of MILLINERY GOODS.

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DIURETIC COMPOUND. For Gonorrhoea, Gleet, Stricture; and all Diseases of the Urinary Organs.

ALTERATIVE SYRUP. For Secondary Syphilis; Eruptions on the skin; Sore Throat; Mouth and Nose; Loss of Hair; Old Sores; Swelling of the Feet; and all other kinds of Secondary

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NOTICE TO INVALIDS. Over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars are paid to sundry quacks annually in New England, and this

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RELIEF. This is a healthy medicine, and is adapted to the system, being entirely a pure wine of a most valuable grape.

EDMUND F. WEBB, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Office in Phenix Block, over Wm. Dyers' Drug Store.

Freedom Notice. THIS we certify that I, JAMES H. BROWN, have this day acknowledged to me, JAMES H. BROWN, the following

BRUSHED UP! Having cleaned and brushed up the inside a little, we now invite the attention of our friends and the public to

DR. L. DIX'S PRIVATE MEDICAL OFFICE, 21 ENDICOTT STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

DR. DIX'S AFFLICTED AND UNFORTUNATE! He is not to be ridiculed and to suffer in being deceived by

FOREIGN AND NATIVE QUACKS. Through the ignorance of the Quack Doctor, knowing no other

QUACK NURSERY MAKERS. Through false certificates and references, and recommendations of their medicines by the dead, who cannot expose or

DR. L. DIX'S CHARGE. We are sorry to hear that the Quack Doctor, knowing no other

TO THE LADIES. The celebrated DR. L. DIX particularly invites all ladies who need a MEXICAN OR GUANO

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ISLAND NURSERY. J. H. GILBRETH, Proprietor. This Nursery contains a large and choice variety of Apple

Portland and Boston Line. The splendid new steam sailing steamer FOREST CITY, LEWISTON, and MONTREAL, will sail for

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IMPROVE YOUR STOCK. A Thorough-bred Durham Bull will be kept at the Farm of the subscriber

REMOVAL. A. G. MUZZEY would give notice that he has removed his HEAD OF SILVER STREET

TOE KEEL BOOT. GENTLEMAN—to meet your wants, the coming Fall and Winter, I have on hand and am receiving every

KEEP COMFORTABLE. BREAKFAST SHAWLS, Scarves, Hooded, Scarf, Gloves, &c., at the MISSES FISHER'S.

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