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This Extract is put up in Quart Bottles: it is six times cheaper, pleasanter, and warrented superior to any sold. It cures without vomiting, purging, sickning or debilitating the Patient.

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Invigorating Cordial,

As it renews and invigorates the system, gives activity to the limbs, and strength to the muscular system, in a most extraordinary degree.

Consumption Cured.

Cleanse and Strengthen. Consumption can be cured. Bronchitis, Consumption, Liver complaint, Colds, Catarrh, Coughs. Asthma, Spitting of Blood, Soreness in the Chest, Hectic Flush, Night Sweats, Difficult or profuse Expectoration, Pain in the Side, &c., &c', have been and can be cured.

Spitting Blood.

New York April, 28, 1847.

DR. TOWNSEND—I verily believe that your Sarsaparilla has been the means, through Providence, of saving my life.—I have for several years had a bad cough. It became worse and worse. At last I raised large quanties of blood, had night Sweats, and was greatly debilitated and reduced, and did not expect to live. I have only used your Sarsaparilla a short time. I am now able to walk all over the city.—I raise no blood, and my cough has left me. You can well imagine that I am thankful for these results.

Your obedient servant.
WM. RUSSELL, 65 Catherine st

Female Medicine.

Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla is a sovereign and speedy cure for Incipient Consumption, Prolapsus Uteri, or Falling of the Womb, Costiveness, Piles, Leucorrhœa, Whites, obstructed or difficult Menstruation. Incontinence of Urine, or involuntary discharge thereof, and for the general prostration of the system—no matter whether the result of inherent cause or diseases, produced by irregularity, illness or accident. Nothing can be more surprising than its invigorating effects on the human frame. Persons all weakness and lassitude, from taking it, at once become robust and full of energy under its influence. It immediately counteracts the nervelessness of the female frame, which is the great cause of Barrenness. It will not be expected of us, in cases of so delicate a nature, to exhibit certificates of cures performed but we can assure the afflicted, that hundreds of cases have been reported to us. Thousands of cases where families have been without children, after using a few bottles of this invaluable medicine, have been blessed with fine healthy offspring.

To Mothers and Married Ladies.

This extract of Sarsaparilla has been expressly prepared in reference to female complaints. No female who has reason to suppose she is approaching that critical period, "*The turn of life,*" should neglect to take it, as it is a certain preventative of any of the numerous and horrible diseases to which females are subject at this time of life. This period *may be delayed several years by using this medicine.*—Nor is it less valuable for those who are approaching womanhood, as it is calculated to assist nature, by quickening the blood and invigorating the system. Indeed, this medicine is invaluable for all the delicate diseases to which woman are subject.

It braces the whole system, renews permanently the natural energies, by removing the impurities of the body, not so far stimulating as to produce subsequent relaxation, which is the case of most medicines taken for female weakness and disease. By using a few bottles of this medicine many severe and painful surgical operations may be prevented.

Great Blessing to Mothers and Children.

It is the safest and most effectual medicine for purifying the system, and relieving the sufferings attendant upon child-birth ever discovered. It strengthens both the mother and child, prevents pain and disease, increase and enriches the food, those who have used it think it is dispensible.—It is highly useful both before and after confinement, as it prevents diseases attendant upon child-birth—in Costiveness, Piles, Cramps, Swelling of the feet, Despondency, Heartburn, Vomiting, Pain in the Back and Loins, False Pains, Hemorrhage, and in regulating the secretions and exqualizing the circulation it has no equal. The great beauty of this medicine is, it is always safe; and the most delicate use it most successfully, very few cases require any other medicine, in some a little rcise tor Oil, or Magnesia, is useful. Exe Cas in the open air, and light food with this med'cine, will always ensure a safe and easy confinement.

Notice to the Ladies

Those that imitate Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparille, have invariably called their stuff a *great Remedy for Females* &c., &c., and have copied our bills and circulars which relates to the complaints of woman, word for word—other men who put up medicine, have since the great success of Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla in complaint incident to females, recommended theirs, although previously they did not. A number of these Mixtures, Pills, &c., are injurious to females, as they aggravate disease and undermine the caution. Dr. Townsend's is the only and best remedy for the numerous female complaints—it rarely if ever fails of effecting a permanent cure.—It can be taken by the most delicate females, in any case, or by those expecting to become mothers, with the greatest advantages, as it prepares the system and prevents pain or danger, and strengthens both mother and child. Be careful to get the genuine.

Scrofula Cured.

This certificate conclusively proves that this Sarsaparilla has perfect controle over the most obstinate diseases of the Blood. Three persons cured in one house is unprecedented.

Three Children.

DR. TOWNSEND—*Dear Sir:* I have pleasure to inform you that three of my children have been cured of the Scrofula by the use of your excellent medicine.—They were afflicted very severely with bad Sores; have taken only four bottles; it took them away, for which I feel myself under great obligation.

Yours, respectfully,
ISAAC W. CRAIN, 186 Woster-st.

Opinions of Physicians.

Dr. Townsend is almost daily receiving orders from Physicians in different parts of the Union.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, Physicians of the City of Albany, have in numerous cases prescribed Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla, and believe it to be one of the most valuable preparations in the market.

H. P. PULING, M. D.
J. WILSON, M. D.
R. B. BRIGGS, M. D.
P. E. ELMENDORF, M. D.
Albany, April 1, 1847.

Caution.

Owing to the great success and immense sale of Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla, a number of men who were formerly our Agents, have commenced making Sarsaparilla Extracts, Elixirs, Bitters, Extracts of Yellow Dock, &c They generally put it up in the same shaped bottles, and some of them have stole and copied our advertisements—they are only worthless imitations, and should be avoided.

Principal Office, 126 Fulton Street, Sun Buildings N. Y., Redding & Co., S State street, Boston; Dyott & Sons, 132 North Second street, Philadelphia; S. S. Hance, Druggist, Baltimore; P. M. Cohen, Charleston; Wright &c., 151 Chartres street, N. O.; 105 South Pearl street, Albany; and all the principal Druggists and Merchants generally throughout the United States, West Indies and Canada.

☞For Sale by Simon Wickes Chester Town.
July 21, 1849. ly

NEW GOODS.

SUCH as CLOTHS, CASSIMES CASSINETTS, FLANNELS &c., just received. Our friends and the public are invited to call and see our stock.

WILMER & FRANCIS.
Sept. 22, '49.

MACKREL, Shad, Salmon, Herrings, Pork, Hams and Sides, Shoulders, Lard & Cheese, Constantly on hand and for sale by J. PALMER & CO.
Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia
Sept. 8, '49.

THE OSIRIS



CAPT. JAMES TILGHMAN.

This popular and favorite steamer is now in complete order, having within the last three months had a new boiler and a thorough overhauling, she is better calculated for accommodation of passengers than she has ever been before.

She has recently been purchased for the route here advertised. Her owners ask a fair share of the public patronage, and promise that no pains shall be spared on their part to accommodate those who may be disposed to travel with them.

The Osiris will leave Commerce St. Wharf, every Wednesday and Saturday morning, for Corsica and Chestertown returning the same day. She will stop at Kent Island on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.
July 21, 1849.

"SPORTSMEN TAKE NOTICE!!!"
JOHN KRIDER.
Northeast corner of Walnut and 2d Sts.
PHILADELPHIA,

KEEPS constantly on hand, of his own manufacture, and imported, a complete assortment of
RIFLES, SHOT GUNS, PISTOLS, &c., which he warrents of the best quality as represented, to which he respectfully invites the attention of purbhasers,

He is also prepared to supply Powder Flasks, Shot Bags, Game Bags, Superior Powder, Gun Cotton, Percussion Caps, Shot, Bullet Moulds, Ball and blank cirtrages, and all materials for Gun Makees, Sportsmen, &c., on terms as low as any other establishment in the United States.

In testimony of his skill as a manufacturer the Franklin Institute awarded to him *TWO CERTIFICATES* in the years 1840, and 1842, and *FOUR SILVER MEDHLS* in the years 1844—1846—1847 and 1848—all of which may be seen at his place of business.

☞A choice supply of REVOLVING PISTOLS constantly on hand.

A stock of ***Guns just received; also an assortment of Fishing Tackle.
August 25th 1849.—3m

TO BE RENTED
FOR NEXT YEAR,
1850.



THE OFFICE on HIGH ST., CHESTER TOWN, now occupied by ***Dr. WROTH & WICKES.***



THE *two* Dwelling Houses on Church St., one occupied by Mrs, HAMBLHTON and the other by Mrs. DWYER & Miss TAILOR.



THE Dwelling House on Queen St., now rented to *MR. EDWARD THOMAS.*—Apply to
J. WICKES.
Chester Town, Sept. 15, 1849.

OYSTERS!!

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public generally that he has the
CAPE MAY SALOON
neatly fitted up, and is prepared to serve up OYSTERS in all the various ways.—Also Terrapins, in season; oysters by the gallon, &c. Gentlemen wishing to partake of these delicacies, will have every attention paid them by
the public's ob't serv't
LEVI RODGERS.
Sept 8, '49—tf

Lime for Sale.

BALTIMORE Slacked at 8 cts cash, or 8½ at 4 months. Schuylkiln quick Lime at 17 cts. cash. Also for sale seasoned *WOOD* a very superior article, delivered out of my wagon at 3 25 cash, and $3 50 trade.
A. W. SPARKS.
August 11, '49.

Artists, Painters and Daguerreotypists' Depot.
WM. A. WISONG,
No. 2, N. Liberty Street, Baltimore,

WHOLESALE and retail deeler in Window Glass, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Turpentine, Bronzes, &c. Artists' Materials, and a full and complete assortment of Daguerreotype stock of Cases, Plates Chemicals, &c., at the very lowest prices.
Sept. 15, '49.

OVERSEER WANTED
FOR NEXT YEAR ON
SWAN POINT FARM.

TO A MAN of good CHARACTER, HABITS AND CAPACITY, I will give large *WAGES and GOOD FINDING*—APPLY TO
JAMES E. BARROLL.
Chester Town, September 15, '49.

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS.
A. G. MATHIOT & CO., BALTIMORE.

WE have just commenced opening our *Fall and Winter GOODS*, which comprises one of the best selected of Retail dry GOODS in the City. We name in part the following goods which we respectfully invite your attention:

Handsome style Cashmeres, all wool.
' ' Medona Plaids, '
pl'n and high col'd French Mennors.
' ' mouslin de lanes.
S'k and c'n warp. bl'k Alpacas st'd and p'd
Real French marine long and square shawls
Hoyles, yard wide double purple prints.
Flannels, of all colors and qualities.
Double damask cloths; do. napkins; fruit doylles; linen; col'd table cloths; damask table draper; bird eye do; russia do; huckaback do; ladies cotton hosiery; do. woollen do.; men's merino 1-2 hose; do. silk do.; do. shirts silk, worsted and cotton gloves; misses hose all sizes; domestic muslins, all prices.

Also always on hand a fine assortment of Lace Capes, Chemizettes, worked collars and bands, swiss edging and insertings, edgings, &c.

Our friends would do well by giving us a call when v siting the city as we are determined to sell cheap.

A. G. MATHIOT & CO.
No. 27, Gay st. Baltimore.
Sept. 15, 1849.

OREM & HOPKINS,

IMOPRTERS and wholesale dealers in Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Tailors' Trimmings and Goods generally, adapted to men's wear, invite the attention of Country Merchants, Merchant Tailors, Clothiers and others, to their stock.

By the arrival of the Harvest, Gen. Washington and other vessels, they have received of their own importation, direct to this port, a large supply of goods in their line.

The unexpected success with which this branch of their business has met, has induced them to devote such attention to it as fully to meet the demand. Their long experience and facilities, they think, will enable them to offer purchasers such an assortment, and on such terms, as will please.

An examination of their stock, before purchasing, is respectfully requested.

☞The upper floors of their warehouse, No. 230, Market street, N. W. corner of Charles, is wholly appropriated to this branch of their business. ☞Entrance on Charles st. Sept. 15 '49.

To Physicians, Druggists and *COUNTRY MERCHANTS.*

DR. J. N. Keeler and Bro. most respectfully solicits attention to their fresh stock of English, French, German and American Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass ware, Perfumery, Patent Medicines, &c. Having opened a new store No. 294 Market st. with a supply of Fresh Drugs and Medicines, we respectfully solicit country dealers to examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, promising one and all who may feel disposed to extend to us their patronage, to sell them genuine Drugs and Medicines, on as liberal terms as any other house in the city, and to faithfully execute all orders entrusted to us promptly and with dispatch.

One of the proprietors being a regular physician, affords ample guarantee of the genuine quality of all articles sold at their establishment.

We especially invite druggists and country merchants, who may wish to become agents for Dr. Keeler's celebrated Family Medicines, (standard and popular remedies) to forward their address.

Soliciting the patronage of dealers, we respectfully remain,

J. N. KEELER & BRO.,
Wholesale Druggists,
No. 294, Market st., Philadelphia.
Sept. 15, 1849.

Jno. S. Tough,

Manufacturer of the genuine Etherial Oil and all kinds of Lamps for burning the same.—Also Pine oil, and Lampa.

THE very liberal encouragement received during the last season, from Southeren and Western merchants, and dealers in general, has induced him to introduce styles of ***ETHERIAL LAMPS***, entirely original and altogether superior to former patterns, and at reduced prices. He believes that for originality, novelty and neatness of style, his stock of ***Etherial Lamps*** is not surpassed in this country.

He will still act in the pinciple work; it is *his* interest to study the interest of his customers. The quality of hts Etherial is not surpassed in the United States.

JNO. S. TOUGH,
No. 187, Baltimore Street,
Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 8, '49.

AGENTS:

V. B. Palmer, N. W. corner of Third and Chesnut st.; E. W. Carr, No. 440 N. Fourth sts. Philadelphia, and Wm. Thompson, S. E. corner of Baltimore and South streets, Baltimore, are our authorised agents, to receive Advertisements and Subscriptions for the Kent News, and collect and receipt for the same.

Plough Shares.

MINOR HORTON & CO. Plough Shares Just received from NEW YORK and for sale by
T. W. ELIASON.
Sept. 1, '49.

POETRY.



Invocation to my Muse.

BY W. WALLACE LAMBDIN.

Awake my muse! Nor slumbering longer lie,
Awake thy Heaven-born strains, and tune thy lays
To warble things, or soar aloft on high
In fancies wrapt, or thoughts of other days.
Awhile forget the cares and doubts blind fortune brings,
And mount sublime aloft on poesy's ideal wings.

Then sing awhile in dulcet notes, of love,
Of limpid waters gurgling in their bed;
Meandering straines that through the landscape move
In silent grandeur to the ocean led,
Of moonlight hours, so charming to each maiden's breast,
Of lovers' lonely walks, by warm affection blessed.

Now paint th' aspiring youth, who longs to gain
The laurate crown his *alma mater* gives;
The hero's gallant deeds, his noble mien,
Him who in senate-halls, for country lifts
His voice; of all who 'tempt to mount the hill of fame.
Or climb ambition's dizzy hights to gain a name.

Ambition! What is it? A vain desire—
An all-absorbing wish to be thought great;
And what is fame? Merely an empty sound—
A notoriety which one's deeds create
Be they good or bad. The philosopher, the sage,
The pirate, sot, ALL are named on fame's wide page.

Now be my muse in thoughts divine employed,
Ascend the strong-capped mount where Moses stood,
Tell of th' Egyptian hate, by plagues annoyed,
Of Israel's prowess—chosen race of God;
The lowly birth of Christ, the Saviour of the world,
The Gospel banner o'er all now unfurld.

In glowing numbers sing a Saviour's love,
Gethsemane's scene's, the death on the cross,
Th' ascent of Jesus to mansions above,
Where he now intercedes for vile man, lost.
This be thy theme, O muse! Let thoughts like these possess
Thy humble strains, thy fond imagination bless.

ROCK HALL, JULY 23d, 1849.

THE FAT GIRL'S JUMP.

OR,

HOW TO DO UP SOMNABULISM.

I was just twelve years of age, and the most unequalled rogue for mischief that "old Kentucky" could produce. It was at this time that I was sent to a country boarding school, some thirty miles from my birth place, Louisville—and an agreeable school it was, for it had but two departments, and they were simply male and female. Our tutor and tutores were the kindest souls in Christendom, and never indicated a heavier punishment than that of sending the guilty one to bed supperless, or depriving him or her of the privilege of the recess. Then there could be no wonder in our imposing upon such good nature; but for my adventure.

There was only a door (that, of course locking) that separated the dormitory of the boys and girls; but the kind builder had not omitted to place a ventilator over the door, and, as luck would have it, the mistress had covered it with a small green baize curtain upon our side. After enjoying a fine dance upon the green, and that too, under the prettiest moonlight that ever shone, we were assembled in the chapel to prayers, and then sent to our separate dormitories—the girls, some-fifteen in number, taking one flight of stairs, while we, eighteen or twenty of the greatest scamps alive, took the opposite flight; our master and mistress returning to their own room. A few moments found all in bed, and, strange to say, perfectly quiet. We had lain so but a short time, when we heard a sudden crack, like a bedstead put in violent agitation, and this was followed by a suppressed bnt general title.

"By golly, boys, there's fun among the gals," I exclaimed, "and here's what's going to have a peep at 'em."

In a moment every bed showed a sitting figure. I bounded out, and ran softly to the key-hole—but the fallen angels had stuffed it with a rag, rag, and that was no no.

"Never mind, boys; easy now, and I'll give you all a sight."

I softly drew a table and placed it against the door, with the greatest difficulty stood a chair upon it—for the table being small, the chair made almost too great a stride for it. However, I mounted, and raising one corner of the curtain, the whole scene was visible to me.

The girls had placed two beds some six or eight feet apart, and laid a feather bed on the floor between them, and they were then exercisin themselves by jumping from one bed to the other. There was one fat girl, about as broad as she was long, and in no way calculated for physical exertions; she had got upon the bed and stood swinging her arms to and fro, making every indication for a desperate.—By this time I was out on the floor, and my place at the curtain supplied by another sprig of mischief. He leaned down and whispered—the fat girl was going to jump.

"Oh, golly," said he, "if Fan only falls, won't she roll over nice?"

I was determined to see this; and climbing up again, we both occupied the "tottering." With one hand over our mouths, and pinching our noses, to prevent a burst of laughter, we stood breathless, awaiting the awful calamity

"There she goes, by jingo!" I exclaimed. She didn't do it though, for her feet just resting on the round of the bed, she balanced but for a moment, and fell backwards, head down and feet in the air, rolling and puffing like a porpoise, but displaying no mean agility for so embarrassing a situation.

We could hold in no longer, but shook with laughter. The chair tilted, and down all came together, with a crush like a young peal of thunder.

"To bed, to bed, boys," said I, "and leave the rest to me."

In an instant all was quiet; every body in bed and sound asleep, with the exception of myself. Oh! such attempts to snore as might have been then heard; but we were all used to playing the 'possum,' and I now concluded to give the approaching tutor and his wife a simple of somnambulism.

"Now don't laugh for the world, boys, and see me do the thing."

I raised the table on its legs, and getting on it was concluding my speech that I had written and committed to memory for the day; and here the trainers of young ideas entered, but still I continued:

"Friends and fellow-students:—Overwhelmed, as I am, with gratitude for your kind attention, I cannot refrain from expressing thanks, yes, warm and heartfelt thanks! and to you, dear sir, (this of course meant the tutor, and at this point my vacant staring eyes were upon him,) will my heart ever yearn. I look upon this moment of my life with a pride that swells my young bosom almost to bursting; and when manhood shall close my youthful career, and my country calls me to her halls of legislation, there will I exercise every truth and virtue instilled into my heart by your kind and fatherly tutoring. These boyish tears of joy will yet swell to a gushing stream of ambitious glory; and then will I look back to these days, and with you uppermost in my thoughts, exclaim, "'Twas you, yes, you, sir, that made me what I am.'"

"Bravo! bravo! my boy," they both exclaimed.

I got off the table now, seeing I had the game in my own hands, and walking slowly up to the window, gave myself up to deep sobbings, and really appeared much affected.

The tutor approached me and called me softly by name, but I answered him not; and turning slowly from him, I walked to the other side of the room avoiding the the rays of the lamp, which themistress was directing upon me.

'He is asleep, my dear, exclaimed the tutor, "and it must have been the dragging of the table over the floor that made such a rumbling noise. Give me the lamp and go bring me a basin of cold water—I will effect a lasting cure upon our young somnambulist."

I heard many suppressed titters, and could see sundry corners of sheets going into sundry mouths. This nearly destroyed my equilidium, but I mastered myself, and again went to the window, through the mention of the basin of water caused a momentary shudder to shoot through my whole frame

The good dame returned with what I magnified into an uncommonly large vessel of water; but it was no delusion—for in haste she brought the "filterer," and I knew certainly it was a cold ducking I was to have. Could I escape it? I would try. I walked first to one bed, then to another—the tutor following with the filterer, his wife playing "torchbearer," while the heavy breathing of the "possuming sleepers added to the solemnity of the scene. I still walked on, turning away every time he proposed to source me.

They had completely cut off the retreat to my own bed, and I saw at once I should have to take it. I walked boldly out, and placing myself before him, he upset the contents of the jug upon me.

I gasped, caught my breath, tottered, and played the frightened boy so well, the deception was complete. I had a merry laugh in the next room—my schoolmates on their beds rubbing their eyes and enquiring the matter.

"GREEN" AND KEEN.—A young lady from the country, on a visit to her city cousin, being invited to a a party, was told by her city coz to fix up and put her best foot foremost, in order to catch a beau—"she looked so green in her country attire."

The country lass looked comically into the face of her rather faded relrtive, and replied, "Better green than withered."

A WITTY LIBEL ON THE LADIES.—A club of women in Paris, who counted for the wildest and most extended rights, have a code of law. One of the arucles runs in this wise:—"Any young woman who finds herself married to a man fifty years of age, shall have a perfect right to sweep him off for two of twenty-five years each."

Dining at a public ordinary, when one of the company had helped himself to a large piece of bread, Quien stretched out his hand to take hold of it. The prisoner to whom it belonged prevented him, by saying: Sir, that is my bread."

"I beg pardon," said Quin, "I took it for the loaf."

The daughter of a landlady being requested to place upon the table an article used for containing salt, returned with her beau, a clerk, remarking that he was a *salt-seller*. M's hair stood upon end, but he remarked that he might do in a *measure*.

"Do you keep matches here?" asked a wag of a retailer. "Oh yes, all kinds," was the reply—"The'll take a trotting match."