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**WM. H. GRIFFITH,**

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*A few doors North of Baltimore street,*

BALTIMORE,

INVITES the attention of persons wishing Goods in his line, to his new stock of Goods, selected with great care, and equal to any to be found in the city.

In his stock are included a fine variety of GOLD AND PLAIN PAPERS, suitable for Parlors, Chambers, Dining Rooms, &c., together with Oak Paper and Decorations, Bordering, Mouldings, and every variety of Gilt Shades, Holland Curtains, &c., all of which he offers at the very lowest cash prices.

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Satisfaction guaranteed in all cases. al-y.

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**OF PHILADELPHIA.**

**Chartered in 1850. Capital Stock $500,000**

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ALEXANDER WHILLDEN, of Pa., President.

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JOHN S. WILSON, Sec'y and Treas'r.

B. F. HOUSTON, M. D.,

*Medical Examiner in Kent County.*

THE "AMERICAN" commenced business October 6th, 1850, and is now in its fifteenth year. Its investments are in Mortgages, Ground Rents and other first class securities, according to its charter, which expressly prohibits the Company from investing money "in the purchase or discount of, or advance upon promissory notes, bills of exchange or negotiable paper,"—and is considered one of the most liberal and reliable companies in this country.

W. H. GILPIN, Baltimore,

*General Agent for the State of Maryland.*

Applications for insurance received by JESSE K. HINES or JOHN L. STAM, Chestertown.

March 4, 1865—y.

## Treasury Department,

*Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,*
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2d, 1865.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "THE KENT NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN," in the town of Chester, in the County of Kent, and State of Maryland, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3rd, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking under said Act.

Now, therefore, I, FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE KENT NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN," in the town of Chester, in the county of Kent, and State of Maryland, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the act aforesaid.

{SEAL} In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this second day of August, 1865.

FREEMAN CLARKE,

aug5-2m. Comptroller of the Currency.

## HEADQUARTERS FOR Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, &c.

BENJ. H. GARDNER calls the attention of his old customers and the public generally, to his large assortment of

FINE CHEWING TOBACCO,

now in store, together with a variety of Common Chewing Tobacco.

CIGARS of every description, from the very best to the most common brands. Judges of good Cigars are invited to give them a trial.

SMOKING TOBACCO, SNUFF, PIPES, &c.—Anything in this line that can't be found at my store, you will not be apt to find elsewhere. Also, CONFECTIONERY, &c.

All of the above goods will be sold as low as the market will afford.

June 18, 1864. B. H. GARDNER.

## SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

CAN HAVE THEIR CLAIMS

For BOUNTY, PAY and PENSION

PROMPTLY COLLECTED.

ALSO,

PRIZE MONEY for Seamen, and arrears of pay due heirs of Officers of the Army and Navy by

WM. B. HILL,

Government Claim Office,

No. 70 W. Fayette street, Baltimore.

Full information given without charge. Letters must inclose stamp. [d10-y.]

## 1865. FALL TRADE. 1865.

## LATEST ARRIVAL

OF FALL GOODS IN CHESTERTOWN, can be found at the Cheap Store of

**A. W. Sparks,**

Opposite the Prot. Epis. Church, where his customers and the public generally are invited to call and examine for themselves, and they will be sure to buy, for in this our day all of us try and make a little cash go as far as possible, and the best way to do so is to make your purchases of A. W. SPARKS. His stock is large, and consists in part of the following:

*DRY GOODS.*—Heavy brown Muslins, do. Bl'd, 10-4 Sheeting, bl'd and brown Drilling, Domestics and Ginghams, bl'd and bro. Table Linen, black and colored Cloths, Irish Linens, brown do., Swiss and Cambric Muslins, Table Oil Cloths, Floor do., Curtain Linens, Dress Goods of all kinds, Delaines, Black Silks, Lustre, Alapacca, black and col'rd Sack Flannels, red and white do., together with as fine an assortment of Plain and fancy Cassimeres as were ever offered in Chestertown.

*GROCERIES.*—Brown and White Sugars, ground and grain Coffee, Teas, Spices, Molasses, Vinegar a superior article for pickling, Bacon, Lard, &c.

*Notions, Hardware, Queensware, Woodenware, Tinware, Glassware, Ironware, Stoneware,* &c., &c.

BOOTS & SHOES of every kind, size and quality, and all prices. HATS & CAPS.

Buckets, Tubs, Brooms, Rope, Twine, Collars, Bridles, Traces, Whips and a little of everything in general, may be found by dropping in at A. W. SPARKS'.

Chestertown, Aug. 26, 1865.

## New Fall Goods FOR 1865!

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY

**JAMES R. CHANCE & SONS**

CHESTERTOWN, MD,

The following varieties of Goods, with many others:

2,000 YDS. POPLINS, Plaids, Delains and Calicoes.

2,000 YDS. Bleached and Brown Muslins.

500 LADIES and Gents' L. C. Handkerchiefs.

600 PRS. Ladies' and Gents' Gloves and Hosiery.

1,200 PRS. Ladies' Gents' Misses, Boy's, Children's, Infants' and Servant's Boots, Shoes, Balmorals, Brogans.

500 YDS. Green and other Paper Blinds.

500 PRS. Fancy " "

500 YDS. 4-4 and 6-4 Cassimers, fulled Kersey, Satinets, Tweeds, &c., &c.

600 YDS. Domestic Plaids, Stripes, Denims.

ALSO,

300 New Style OIL LAMPS, and all kinds FANCY GOODS, Notions, Soaps, Perfumery, Trunks, Travelling Bags, Fancy Baskets, Bells, Buckels, &c.

ALSO, a full stock of Groceries, Hardware, Woodenware, Brooms, China, Glass and Crockery ware, with thousands of other Goods too numerous to mention, at the lowest possible prices. JAS. R. CHANCE & SONS.

Sept. 16, 1865.

## TOBACCO and CIGARS, CONFECTIONERY, &c.

JOHN H. REDUE has taken the store adjoining the Bank, formerly occupied by Chas. N. Cook, and has for sale an assortment of

CHEWING TOBACCO AND CIGARS, OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Persons fond of the luxury of a chew of good Tobacco, or a fine Cigar, are invited to give him a call. Also, PIPES of various patterns, and fine SMOKING TOBACCO.

CONFECTIONERY.

CANDIES, RASINS, ALMONDS, FIGS DATES, PRUNES, COCOANUTS, FLAVORING EXTRACTS, ESSENCES, &c.

Also, **Fine French Confectionery,** such as Mint Julip Charms, Brandy Smash do., Grape Drops, Jelly Cake, Fig Jelly Cream; Quince, Peach, Pear and Apple Paste; Cordial Drops, Cream Chocolate, &c.

Also, Letter and Note PAPER, PENS, INK, and ENVELOPES.

JOHN H. REDUE,

dec3y. Next Door to the Bank

## 628. HOOP SKIRTS. 628.

HOPKINS'

"OWN MAKE" OF HOOP SKIRTS,

are gotten up expressly to meet the wants of *first class trade.* They embrace complete assortment of all the new and desirable Styles, Sizes and Length, for Ladies', Misses' and Children, and are superior to all others made in point of Symmetry, Finish, and durability; being made of the finest tempered English Steel Springs—with Linen finished covering, and having all the metalic fastenings immovably secured, by improved machinery. They retain their shape and elasticity to the last—and are *warranted to give entire satisfaction.*

Also, constantly in receipt of full lines of good Eastern Made SKIRTS made to order, altered and repaired. Wholesale and Retail, at Manufactory and Sales Room,

*No. 628 ARCH ST., above 6th, PHILAD'A.*

Terms Cash—One Price Only! [ag19-4m.


MARYLAND, *Kent County Orphans' Court,* SEPT. 12, 1865.—On the application of James B. Sinton, Executor of Joseph Sinton, late of Kent county, deceased;

ORDERED, That he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks in the Kent News, printed and published in Kent county.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid

{SEAL} I have hereto set my hand and the seal of office affixed this 12th day of September, 1865. Test: JOS. P. IRELAND,

Register of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order, this is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Joseph Sinton, late of Kent county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 27th day of March, 1866; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September, 1865. JAMES B. SINTON,

sep16-4t. Exec'r of Joseph Sinton, dec'd.


CREAM CRACKERS for sale by

my13. JOHN H. REDUE.

## Middletown Academy, AND Boarding School for Males.

THIS well-known Institution of Learning, after undergoing thorough repairs, is now re-opened as a Day and Boarding School. A wing is also being added 20x40 feet, and two stories in height, to afford increased accommodations for boarders.

To take charge of the Educational and Domestic interests of the Academy, the Trustees have engaged a gentleman of superior attainments, a graduate of Amherst College and of Union Theological Seminary, who brings to this enterprise a varied experience as Instructor gained in six States, and extending over a period of fifteen years.

A thorough, systematic course of instruction has been marked out in both the English and Classical Departments. Lads will be qualified in the former, for usefulness in any of the walks of life; while in the latter young men will be fitted for College, or may finish here the entire studies of the Classical course of College.

Departments in Music, Drawing and Painting will soon be established, and efficient instructors be put in charge.

Renewed patronage is respectfully solicited, in view of the improvements made and the thoroughness of the instruction given, as no pains nor expense will be spared to place the Academy in the front rank of American Educational Institutions. Please send for a Circular stating Studies, Terms, Expenses, &c.

Address CHAS. H. HOLLOWAY,

jy29-2m. Middletown, Del.

## FEMALE COLLEGE,

**BORDENTOWN, N. J.**

THIS institution is situated on the Camden and Amboy R. Road, 2¾ hours' ride from New York, and 1¼ from Philadelphia. Its location is unsurpassed for beauty and healthfulness. Special attention is paid to the common and higher branches of English, and superior advantages furnished in Vocal and Instrumental Music, Drawing, Painting and French.

The Institution is strictly a Family School, where the most careful parents may feel safe in placing their daughters.

The Fall Term commences Sept. 18th.

For Catalogues address

REV. JOHN H. BRAKELY, A. M.,

je24-3m. President.

## A CARD

**To the Farmers of Kent County.**

A CUSTOM has obtained in the Grain trade of Baltimore, from which I have suffered, and to which I, as a grain seller, am unwilling longer to submit. It is no uncommon thing for a Commission Merchant to have grain consigned to him and the first intimation he receives that the Grain is in the market is a return made to him by another commission merchant for so many bushels of Grain sold at a price that he does not know whether it is right or not, as he does not see the grain. I suppose the custom originated in this way: whem samples of grain are mixed they could not be delivered if sold separately—and in that case the agent having the largest lot has the right to sell, but when grain is separate this is not necessary, except for the convenience of the captain. I do not recognize the right of any captain to hand over to another party without my consent, a sample of grain to sell, that is consigned to me. I prefer to have the control of my own grain, and the privilege of determining myself whether or not it is to my interest or the interest of my customer, to have it sold by another Commission Merchant who has no interest in it.

Farmers who send me their grain to sell are requested in all cases to direct the Captain to deliver me the sample.

B. B. PERKINS,

Commission Merchant,

aug26-tf. 96 Light St. Wharf, Baltimore.

## R. S. USILTON,

**Family Grocer and Liquor Dealer,**

CHESTERTOWN,

WOULD respectfully announce to the public that he has now in store a choice selection of LIQUORS, such as

*BRANDY, GIN, RUM, PORT, MADEIRA, AND MALAGA WINES, CORDIALS,* &c.

which will be sold at low rates. He asks especial attention to the quality of his Liquors, satisfied that they cannot be excelled in this market. Pure Old Brandy and Whiskey, especially for family and Medicinal uses, in store.

**FAMILY GROCERIES,**

A good assortment of the various articles in the Grocery trade for sale at the lowest figures. Also, Confectionery, Simple Medicines, &c.

COARSE DRY GOODS—principally for servants' use, will be kept on hand, and exchanged for Produce of all kinds.

Woodenware, Earthenware, Tinware, Glassware, Lamps, &c., &c.

☞ By giving strict personal attention to the business he hopes to receive a liberal patronage. An early call is respectfully invited.

RICHARD S. USILTON,

Chestertown, je6. Up Town.

## Wm. Simpson's PRODUCE and VARIETY STORE.

THE undersigned takes this method of informing the public that he has removed to the room next door below B. H. Gardner's Tobacco and Cigar store, opposite the new Voshell House, and is prepared to purchase

**COUNTRY PRODUCE,**

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, such as POULTRY, of all kinds, BUTTER, EGGS, &c.. &c., for which the

*HIGHEST MARKET PRICE*

will at all times be paid. Also, all kinds of

**FUR and RAGS WANTED,**

at the highest CASH PRICES. Farmers and others having any of the above articles to dispose of will find it to their interest to give me a call. FOR SALE—Notions, Confectionery, and all kinds of Country Produce.

WILLIAM SIMPSON.

Chestertown, Feb. 4, 1865.

## COAL AND WOOD.

THE subscriber has made arrangements to supply the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity with COAL for the ensuing winter.

He will be able to furnish it in quantities to suit purchasers by the 15th of August next.

Parties desiring to be supplied should leave their orders at an early day either with the subscriber or at the office of H. W. EARNEST, Esq., in Chestertown, as it can be supplied from the boats at a less price than from the yard.

Hickory, Oak and Pine Wood always on hand at fair prices.

jy15-6m. WM. H. HAMILTON.


### THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait through wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread—
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate—
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transported into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice whose joyous tones
Made glad this scene of sin and strife,
Sings now in everlasting song
Amid the tree of life

And where he sees a smile too bright,
Or hearts too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it to that world of light
To dwell in Paradise.

Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them—the same,
Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless Universe
Is life—there are no dead!

### BOYS ON THE FARM.

The time was when boys were considered of but trifling account upon the farm. They answered to run of errands, and to do the light "chores" about house and barn. To keep them out of mischief when not attending school, they possibly did some service astride the horse to mark out the corn ground and cultivate the corn and potatoes. But if ambitious to join the men in the field or elsewhere, they were equipped with the most worthless, cast aside tools, such as rusty hoes, dull, worn out scythes, old fashioned forks, used up shovels, dull axes, battered hammers, unfiled saws, and so on, through the whole catalogue of farm implements. They grew weary using them, and so would men have done accomplishing only the same amount of labor. It would not be strange if such treatment first planted dissatisfaction in the heart of many a farmer's boy, which finally ripened into utter disgust, the seeking of employment behind the counter of the village store, or perhaps in something less honorable, which in the end resulted in iniquity of ruin.

But now, boys upon the farm are the equal of the men of those days. By the aid of the new class of implements they are equivalent to several men with the best of the old implements. Boys have indeed wonderfully increased in importance in these last few years, and nothing is too good for the brave, willing, ambitious little fellows. And they most richly deserve their newly gained importance. Two and one-half millions of men taken from the industrial pursuits of life for the purposes of war—more than one-half of these direct from the farming population, and yet an increased yield in agricultural productions save where the vicissitudes of seasons or the ravages of insects have interfered!—How could this have been accomplished without the aid of the noble boys who have remained at home? Their work has been scarcely less creditable or important than that of those older "boys in blue" that have labored in those other fields where the harvest has been the harvest of death.

We have faith in the farm boys of this day and generation. The nation owes them its sincere gratitude. They are deserving of all the benefits that shall result to them from the new industrial schools that are about being established. The early life is a preparatory school that will teach them to appreciate the benefits and blessings that the agricultural colleges are intended to dispense. Honor, encourage and care for the boys of the farm.—*Prairie Farmer.*

AT the Odd-Fellows banquet in Baltimore last week, Major General Hancock, who now commands in this Department, in responding to a toast "to the Army and Navy," made use of the following very conciliatory language:

"For myself, I shall hail the day with pleasure when, in the State of Maryland, there will be no longer necessity for provost marshals to assist in the maintenance of order and authority. Knowing that day will come, I shall endeavor so to pave the way in my command in loosening the reins of military authority by allowing the civil authorities to exercise all power which they are willing or competent to administer, that the transition from the laws of war to those of peace shall be so gentle that no shock may be observed when our functions are ended, and that the harshness of military rule may be forgotten.

"Since the policy of the Government is to trust to the honor of the Southern people in the reorganization of their Governments rather than to guard their actions by military rule until a later day, it is the more necessary that charity should reign in every heart."

'What's whiskey bringing?' inquired a large dealer in that article. 'Bringing men to the gallows and women and children to want,' was the truthful reply.

*For the Kent News.*

### "A FEW DELIGHTFUL THINGS."

To lay awake at night and compose something you think "will do," and in the morning find that you havn't got one good idea on the subject—all gone with that last refreshing nap.

At a public gathering to inquire of a new acquaintance who is that young gentleman that seems to think himself entitled to the admiration of the ladies? The answer—Oh, that is my brother!

To call aside little Mary Matilda, and gently (?) remonstrate with her about associating with that Jamima Simkins, telling her with increased emphasis of the rudeness and misconduct of said child—when a knock announces Mrs. S. and her precious pet! Dear! dear! where are the *smiles* to come from?

Again—to have company to tea: Mrs. A. from the South, where her property was, but is not; Mrs. R. whose husband is floating in a sea of greenbacks—strive hard to keep clear of national subjects, but Mr. Piper grows impatient of the calm and throws a shell in our midst—(men hate to hear women talk politics, but think, I suppose, the cackling of a goose may be of use if it happens to come in at the right time)—"Do tell me, Mrs. R., your opinion of negro enfranchise?" and with a bend of the neck, (*almost wish he'd broken it,*) condescendingly includes Mrs. A. and myself. Oh, the Niagara of frothy words! who could check them? Mrs. A. had the fortitude not to bite a piece out of my best China, for which I am surprised, and thankful!

But "camp-meeting" is *the* place to meet with delightful episodes—i. e. if you take a tent. How flattering the attention you receive! You surely never will want friends; they are *so* numerous here. You feel very well contented with yourself and all the dear people, as you take your chair out to attend morning service. Never mind if some one's sun-umbrella is just between your eyes and the minister. You left your tent quiet and cool, and will invite two or three friends to partake of some fruit with you; but, on entering the tent you find every available seat occupied, chairs, trunks, and even the bandbox with a mother's darling perched thereon. Strange faces, too—but there is Mrs. Peachbloom, who rises, with "How do you do, Mrs. Racey? am glad to see you looking so well. No wonder though, you are so pleasantly situated here (doubtful); allow me to introduce Mrs. so and so;" subsiding all the while into her seat, raising my palm-leaf for the cooling of the florid face, (thought my manner might have assisted the cooling process, but it did not,) for she goes on: "Those horrid benches, Mrs. Racey, they are really unendurable, so I took the liberty of an old friend (she did bow to me the last time we met) of bringing these ladies and children to rest here." Certainly! Hope the corners of my mouth didn't draw down as I said it. Ah, well! the back part of the tent will be clear! So with a compression of hoops (and lips too) we succeed in lifting the division curtain. 'Twas well the subject of the morning's discourse was *charity,* for there stood Veronia Vain before the looking glass, dipping my brush in soap-suds and applying it lazily to her long stringy hair—her sister using my small-tooth ivory for the curling of the red locks of her eldest. Involuntarily I looked for my tooth-brush, when her little Tom was vigorously scrubbing it on the bedstead post! Faces will be expressive *sometimes,* after all our schooling to the contrary—don't know what revelation was traceable in mine, but it certainly produced an astonishing effect. She—Veronia—really turned and smiled, saying so sweetly, "You see we have taken possession." Well, I did.

*Galena.* RUTH RACEY.

AN open window, with the direct rays of the sun coming in will be good for the little one. On a hot summer day to lay it down near the window, quite nude, and let it lie for some minutes where the rays of the sun may fall upon its skin, will give it new life. There is a vital relation between sunshine and a vigorous human being. Seclusion from sunshine is one of the greatest misfortunes of civilized life.—The same cause which makes potato vines white and sickly when grown in dark cellars operates to produce the pale, sickly girls that are reared in our parlors. Expose either to the direct rays of the sun, and they being to show color, health, and strength. When in London, some years ago, I visited an establishment which had acquired a wide reputation for the cure of those diseases in which prostration and nervous derangement were prominent symptoms. I soon found the secret of success in the use made of sunshine. The slate roof had been removed and a glass one substituted. The upper story was divided into sixteen small rooms, each provided with lounges, washing apparatus, etc. The patient, on entering each his little apartment, removed all his clothin, and exposed himself to the direct rays of the sun. Lying on the lounge and turning over from time to time, each and every part of the body was thus exposed to the life-giving rays of the sun. Several London physicians candidly confessed to me that many cases which seemed only waiting for the shroud were galvanized into life and health by this process.—*Dr. Dio Lewis.*

### The Treasurer of the United States.

A Washington correspondent gives the following interesting account of that most faithful of public servants, General F. E. Spinner, whose strict and stern fidelity to duty makes him an honor to the country:

"General Spinner, who is now a hale, hearty and plucky man of sixty-three years, capable of and doing more hard work than many of his young clerks, is an example of the utility of placing in public office men thoroughly trained for its duties. He was for twenty years executive officer of the Mohawk Valley Bank; for four years Auditor of the naval office in the N. Y. Custom House; for two terms in Congress on the Committee on Accounts, and for another term Chairman of the same committee. He was appointed by Mr. Lincoln United States Treasurer, and can now say with just pride that during four years in which he has conducted a business of thousands of millions, and has received and disbursed in small sums from and to various persons, prodigious and unexampled amounts of money, not a dollar is unaccounted for, and not an error has been made in a calculation without being hunted down and cleared up.

"When the war began the General declared that he would go to no place of amusement till it was over; and he kept his word. Wife and daughters many a time sought to entice him to the opera, but he was inexorable. For the same reason he refused to leave his post of duty for a single day, and for five years he has never seen his pleasant home in the Mohawk Valley. The simple-hearted old fellow is unfashionable, in that he cannot forget that there has been a war. A repentant Alabamian reached his hand across the table to him the other day at dinner, saying: 'Don't you remember me, General? I used to sit with you in Congress, down to 1860.' 'I remember you well enough. You stayed here a good while after 1860, walked through all our camps, and saw altogether too much before you left. If you were going to be a traitor you might have had the grace to go a little earlier, so that your old friends shouldn't be compelled to suspect you also of being a spy!' 'But, General, no man ever regretted this thing more than I did!' 'Why in the name of manhood, then, didn't you stand up against it? But no; you had to go with your State, and get office under the Government of traitors. And now you come up to this 'mudsill,' Andy Johnson, to get pardoned! I'd hang you, that's what I'd do with you, old friend as you are!'"

SHAMEFUL LEGAL ADVICE.—Last summer a bank clerk in New York city stole $100,000. He lost the money by 'fighting the tiger.' He then called upon a lawyer and informed him that he was a ruined man, and thought of suicide. This led to the following dialogue:

"How much does your defalcation amount to?"

"One hundred thousand dollars."

"Got any of it left?"

"Not a cent."

"That's bad; you have left nothing to work with."

"What must be done?"

"You must return to your desk and abstract another hundred thousand."

"What must I do that for?"

"To preserve your character and save you from going to the State Prison. With the hundred thousand you are to steal to-morrow, I intend to compromise with the bank. Your stealings after to-morrow will amount to $200,000. I will call at the bank and confess your offence: I will represent myself as your heart-broken uncle, 'honest but poor.' I will offer the bank $50,000 to hush up the matter. The bank will accept. This will leave $50,000 to divide between you and me—that is $25,000 apiece. With this sum you can retire from business."

The young man listened and took on wisdom. He doubled his defalcation, and compromised as the lawyer said he should. He is now worth $250,000, and is counted 'one of the most respectable gentlemen in the city of New York.'

HOW IT STRUCK HIM.—A gentleman, about whose Teutonic origin there could be but one opinion, was passing along the street a few days since, when he came to a halt before one of the huge posters announcing the coming of the panorama of Paradise Lost. He read the line: "A Rebellion in Heaven!" when he broke forth as follows: "A Rebellion in Heaven! mine Got! that last not long now—Onkel Abe ish tare!"

A LARGE STEAMBOAT.—The keel of the largest steamboat in the world was laid on Wednesday by the People's (Albany) Line. This vessel is to be fifteen feet longer than the St. John, five feet wider, and is to contain one hundred more state rooms than that boat, the latter being comprised in three tiers, one more than any other boat hitherto built.—*N. Y. Journal of Com*

A favorite question with courting men now a days in Virginia is, "Has your father been pardoned yet, Miss? He comes under the $20,000 *clause does he not?*"—*Petersburg Index.*

A COLORED STUDENT IN HARVARD.—The first colored student admitted to Harvard College is Richard Greener, some 22 years of age, who on Friday passed a rigid examination. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover.