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At Petersburg, first Monday in June & August;

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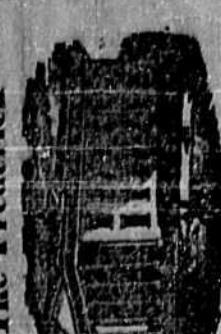
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The Frederick

Listen Once More, Friends!

Public Sale.

The undersigned, in accordance with the arrangement made, will hold a public sale, at the Court House, on Thursday, the 28th of September, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the sum of \$1000, of Specie, to the highest bidder, on the following articles belonging to the State:

IN DISTRICT NO. 4.

Election of Magistrate

IN DISTRICT NO. 4.

Virginia, Jefferson County, etc.

In the County Court, September Term, 1855.

It is ordered, that, at the usual place of meeting of the Commissioners and other officers who act in the said District at the election in May last,

A copy—

September 2d, 1855—Supt. & Recorder.

UNITED STATES HOTEL, VALENTINE, VA.

RECEIVED.

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POETRY.

[From the Sacramento (Cal.) Union.]

THE WORN OUT FONT OF TYPE.

I'm sitting by my desk; George;
I before me, on the floor,
There lies a worn out font of type;
A few more months have passed, George,
Since they were bright and new,
And many are the words I have composed
With them, but at a cost—
The cost of wear and tear,
The life of a man, George;
When more of life was left,
Of pleasure, but at a cost—
The cost of wear and tear,
What tales of honor they have told,
Of temper and of woe,
Of murder in the midnight hour,
Of war and battle's roar,
Of death and carnage,
Went down before the blast,
Stifled cries of agony,
As life's last spark had passed?
Of love and loss of friends,
Of broken hearts, broken backs
And sinking systems rates,
Of those who sleep no longer,
Of those dimmed by streams snuffed,
Of others with their prey scarce,
Of thives with body caught,
Blood, fire, and accident,
Those born out type have told;
The youthful and the old;
Of marriage, of birth and death,
Of men and women dying overwards,
Another gone to Texas,
They have told long since last summer days
Left faded from the scene,
How autumn's children have swept
The leaf-covered forest through;
How winter's reign has come—
And how the smiling spring has come—
The pale flowers back to life.
I can't tell you how half
My life from home has been—
Singing bright and beautiful,
They issued from the mould—
How now save they joy hath brought,
Yet faithfully they record kept
Of last preceding years.

VARIETY.

HE A certain Dutch Justice of the Peace in the State of New York having issued a summons returnable on the Sabbath day, the constable into whose hands it was put to be served, being a fellow of humor, returned the summons agreeably to date. The Justice expecting it to be of some other nature, perused it, and finding what it was, said in a great passion—

"At the tivel you prings dis to day for?" "Why?" replied the constable, "see whether it is not returnable on this day? Should I neglect my duty, you would probably repeat me to the Grand Jury and I should be fined."

Upon this the Justice, with a loud voice, said—

"I adjourns dis court till next Wednesday, and calling to his son, said: 'Hans look off de shanash and see as dat will be on the Sabbath dry."

HE A said a wicked wag to a lady ac-

qui taste of a proud aristocratic caste, "I perceive, madam, you have been hearing a trade!"

"Learning a trade!" replied she haughtily, looking needles and pins at him, "indeed you are greatly mistaken, sir!"

"Oh," said the mischievous chap, "I inferred from the looks of your cheeks that you had turned painter!"

The wag sloped instanter, and the lady saved herself from fainting by taking a glass of brandy and water.

ALADY was questioning a New York citizen of six years old, as to his amusements and companions.

"And now tell me, my dear," she said at last, "among all these playmates of yours, haven't you some little girl that you boy better than all the rest? One that you dance with more, and take more bouquets to, than any one else?"

"Show me that boy of mine in New York that hasn't," was the prompt, off-hand reply of the lit'l 'un of the world.

HAN IRISH TAILOR, making a gentleman's coat and vest too small, was ordered to take them home and let them out. Some days after the gentleman meeting his tailor, inquired how he was progressing with his garments? "Be the gray goose of Moses, you honor, an' wasn't I lucky?" Coming home, who do you think I should meet but Paddy McShane, the Irish piper. Well, yer hon'or's clothes fitted him right as the cork in old Noah's whisky bottle, as be jokers I just let it out to him at a shilling a week, sure!

HELLO ANOTHER—Sir Walter Scott wrote, "The race of mankind would perish if they did not help each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death damp fr^m the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help." All therefore, that need aid, have a right to ask it of their fellow mortals; and no one who has it in his power to grant can refuse without incurring guilt!

HMY dear," said Mrs. Dogberry to her daughter, "you should not wear a dress so very high in crossing the street." "Then, ma," replied the maid, "how shall I ever show the beauty of my flounced pantaloon that have almost ruined my sight to manufacture? I'm sure I don't care if the beans look at me." Mrs. Dogberry spoke of the sin of vanity, and the beauty of decorum, and walked off into the chamber.

HAFRIEND just from Saratoga tells us that fashion at that hellish place has taken another abrupt vagary. He tells us that dresses are growing shorter and shorter both at the top and bottom, and with a lugubrious countenance, he told us he was obliged to leave for fear the adage would soon prove a fact in fashion—he feared really that extremes would meet!

HWM. Pitt and Henry Dundas had been dining together, and on entering the House of Commons, holding each other up as they came in, Pitt said to his boon companion: "I do not see the speaker, Harry; do you?" "Not see him, Billy?" said Dundas; "I see two."

Two THINGS to BE KEPT—Your Word and your Temper. The former when dealing with a printer, and the latter when disputing with a woman. This may be difficult, but it can be done by getting a couple of chapters of Job by heart.

HAF A man's own good breeding is his best security against other people's ill manners.

HOW wise person advises: When you buy or sell, let or hire, make clear bargain, and never trust to "Weshan's disarray about it!"

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