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Especially who have become the victims of Military Vice, that dreadful and destructive habit which annually destroys the health, the vigor, the energy, the manhood of the most exalted talents and brilliant minds. Those who might otherwise have entered into the service of the nation, and into the ranks of the Disciples of Christ, those who have been led into the paths of vice, and who have lost their way, and who have given up the struggle for life, should be sent to Dr. J. address young men and all who have injured themselves by private and improper indulgences.

Baltimore Lock Hospital.

Dr. Johnstone, THE FOUNDER OF THIS CELEBRATED

Institution, offers his services to Captain Speedy,

and only effectual remedy in the world.

SEARCH-DISEASE.

LONDON, Constitutional Debility, Impotency, Weakness of the Heart, Throat, Nose, or Skin; those diseases which render Disciples afraid to leave the Dispensary.

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ORGANIC WEAKNESS.

IMMEDIATELY.

This dreadful disease, which so frequently

is paid by those who have become the victims of improper

indulgences. Young persons are too apt to commit ex-

cessive indulgence, and thus become the victims of

that easily incurable disease which can easily be cured.

Thousands of persons, of all ages, can now judge what

is the case of their declining health, losing their vigor,

energy, and strength, and are now employing, and even

employing, every means to restore their health.

The system becomes weak, the heart fails, the circulation

fails, the brain becomes weak, the nerves are enfeebled,

the heart, indigestion, a wasting of the frame, cough,

symptoms of consumption.

C. R. STRAITH & SON.

General Commission Merchants,

SOUTH ST., BOWLY'S WHARF,

BALTIMORE, MD.

ATTEND particularly to the sale of FLOUR,

WHEAT, CORN, & CO. AT COUNT-

THEIR WAREHOUSE, and are prepared to furnish

bars to farmers wishing to exchange them.

Baltimore, Nov. 25, 1852.

S. V. YANTIS,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer,

MANUFACTURED

TOBACCO, SEGARS & SNUFF,

(SIGN OF THE INDIAN GIRL)

OPPOSITE THE UNITED STATES HOTEL,

HARPERS FERRY, VA.

November 23, 1852.

HENRY HUNTER,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia.

PRACTICES in the Courts of Jefferson and

Westmoreland counties. His office is in that

part of the State where he will have at all

times.

February 25, 1852.—by

JOHN J. H. STRAITH,

WHITE & BOOTS,

WINEYS AT LAW,

County, Va.

Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia.

JEFFERSON, FREDERICK, BERKELEY AND CLARK,

December 15, 1852.—by

GEORGE R. COFFROTH,

COMMISSION AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

TOBACCO, SNUFFS, AND SEGARS,

No. 330, West Balt. St.,

Second Door West of Howard,

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

September 25, 1852.—by

SAMUEL STONE,

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson and

County Courts, Jefferson County, Virginia.

CHARLESTOWN, Jefferson County, Virginia.

January 1, 1853.

DR. G. H. PIERCE,

SURGEON DENTIST,

OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, CHARLESTOWN,

Jefferson County, Virginia.

WILL practice in the Inferior and Superior

Courts of Jefferson and the adjacent Com-

munities, and his kind specially desired by Dr. Johnson.

TO STRANGERS.

MY dear friends and neighbors,

HAVING done my professional services to the citizens

of Charlestown, and its vicinity.

Office at Drug Store, Harpers Ferry.

January 10, 1853.

Dr. Cooke.

OFFERS his professional services to the citi-

zens of Charlestown and its vicinity.

Office on Main Street, one door east of Carter's Hotel.

May 11, 1854.

CHURCHES.

CHARLESTOWN, Jefferson County, Virginia.

Winchester, March 20, 1856.

SCAFFA FIGS.

A FRESH lot pure SENNA FIGS, just re-

ceived and for sale by

SELLER & COOKE.

Oct. 2, 1856.

Salt! Salt!

500 SACKS A. H. H. 200 PINE, for sale low

for 500 cts. ISRAEL RUSSELL,

Harpers Ferry, Oct. 22, 1856.

Bonnets.

T. C. SIGAFOOSE

Aug. 14, 1856.

100,000 Prime Brick

D. W. on hand at the Charlestown Brick Kiln.

They are of good quality, and

will receive prompt attention.

Dr. Johnson wants to Patients, but those fully capa-

ble of supporting and distinguishing the services of a

regular practitioner.

A BROWNSTEIN, Ostrich, Tealies and

Muskets, all fresh, and for sale by

SELLER & COOKE.

Aug. 14, 1856.

BAY WATER.—An article for sale by

SELLER & COOKE.

Aug. 14, 1856.

A SUPERIOR article of Ginger and Wild

Cherry Brandy, for medical purposes, and

will receive prompt attention.

Dr. Johnson wants to Patients, but those fully capa-

ble of supporting and distinguishing the services of a

regular practitioner.

A NO LETTER received unless post paid, and contain-

ing a sum to cover the reply. Persons writing

to Dr. Johnson, will receive prompt attention.

GROCERIES.—A large number of all kinds,

articles for the kitchen, for the table, for the bed-

room, and for the bath, for sale by

CHARLES J. THOMSON.

HARPS-PIRE, May 22, 1856.

FRESH LARD, for sale by

J. N. & L. L. BADLER.

MARCH 25, 1856.

M. DRUM & CO.,

MARKET AND HERRINGS, for sale by

DR. CRAMER & HAWKES.

MARCH 27, 1856.

SWEET OATS, for sale by

HARPS-PIRE.

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VIRGINIA FREE PRESS AND FARMERS' REPOSITORY.

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J. S. & H. N. GALLAHER & CO.
THURSDAY MORNING.
JANUARY 1, 1857.

THE NEW YEAR.

We desire to begin the year in a business way; and, in accordance with an old saying, "turn over a new leaf." It is important that there should be a settling point once in a life-time, and we know of none better than the present. We wish to make the experiment of a closer approximation to the real system, to ascertain whether the new business will support itself without a drain upon the savings of the last thirty years.

We shall, therefore, date all subscriptions from the present day, and give credit for any portion of advance payment made at that time. Will our friends aid us in this experiment? Will they begin the year by reading their own paper, instead of ours?

All who have tried this plan assure us that

the result is gratifying, and we are pleased

to find that they never feel the pangs of re-

pentance for duty unperformed. We therefore

begin a new volume and a new year with

renewed hope, and a desire to render the Free Press a more acceptable visitor than it has ever been to the family circle. It unquestionably needs a new garb, and this it must soon have; but whether this can be done before the spring opens, or is to be de-

ferred, depends on the spirit of our friends and their readiness to aid in the work of renovation.

Having thus disposed of some of the busi-

ness-matters of the day, permit us, good

friends, to moralize a little upon the just,

the present and the future. It is now nearly

thirty-six years since the senior Editor of the Free Press addressed its readers in a modest salutation. It would be a matter of curious and somewhat and investigation to ascertain how many, or rather how few, of those who perused his first paper are now

readers of this. He looks back through the

long vista, and sees tomb stones of many

whose friendly voices cheered him on amidst

his struggles with adverse fortune; many

whose indulgent criticism encouraged him

to nib his pen; many who assisted him

in his tasks of honor and (he hopes) of use-

fulness; and many whose unwavering re-

gard was to him a treasure more to be prized

than rubies. Amongst the survivors, those

who are yet travelling the somewhat rugged

path of life, he is happy to find friends as

true as steel, worthy of being cherished in

his "heart of hearts."

What changes have we not witnessed in the political, social and business world, in the more than a third of a century in which we have jogged along together! Improvements, the bare suggestion of which seemed to be but the vagaries of the enthusiast, have been undertaken and consummated; distant regions have been brought in close proximity, as if by magic; the means of moral and intellectual culture have been multiplied in every direction; and, not the least pleasing feature in this respect, is the fact that at home, in this favored, scanty, blessed with most of the bounties of Providence, the church and the school-house are prominent to the eye of the way-farer, as evidence of an enduring civilization which no vandalism can destroy.

But we need not enlarge upon the themes

which the departure of the old year and the advent of the new must suggest. We can

all look back to sunny spots in our past existence. If we have faults to correct, this is the time for good resolves—there may be enough of the future given us for amendment. We cannot be sufficiently grateful for the manifold blessings and mercies of the time that is past. Let us labor to deserve the munificence that the opening year is sure to bring forth.

That old and young may long in the re-

ceivers of all that is good for man in a rational existence, in our earnest and heart-felt with prayer.

Friends and readers, we tender you the greetings of the season. May you long happily enjoy life's bounties, and gently glide down the stream of Time as to know no counter surrants; and, above all, that when the last summons shall come, you may not only be able to "wrap your drapery gaily around you and lie down to pleasant dreams," but be awakened to a blissful and endless day.

WHAT HAS BEEN GAINED?

Some of the most ultra priests have been calculating the "gain" which has accrued from the late political struggle. The Charles-ton Mercury, referring to opinions of the New Orleans Delta on this subject, says:

"Other Southern presses have felt it necessary to take sides; though we have gained a nominal victory in the recent Presidential election, we have nevertheless nothing but a hollow triumph, and the inability to Southern institutions has been strengthened by the result of this first great sectional battle."

Pending the canvas, great results were predicted. Now, the fruits seem to afford little else than dust and ashes. The Southern press, in its judgment, has exactly what the Northern press said would be the result.

Some of the Southern presses are getting into a feverish state in regard to the "appropos tariff." The people do not seem to know how much they are hurt until told by the grumblers how intense is the pain.

SHORTENING DISTANCES.

In a few weeks, by the completion of a link of railroad, St. Louis will only be twelve hours distant from Cincinnati, and the time from the former city to Baltimore will be less than forty-eight hours. Railroads in the West are being extended in every direction, until there will soon be a complete network. The Pacific Railroad from St. Louis to Jefferson City, has been doing a profit-

able business.

NORTH CAROLINA.

It is stated that the Legislature of North Carolina will find it necessary to increase the tax, in order to meet the State liability.

A bill has passed the Senate to secure

holders of state bonds against loss.

CONGRESS SINCE OUR LAST.

On Tuesday week, the Senate further considered the bill from the House for the settlement of the claims of Revolutionary officers, but without concluding it. Mr. Brewster, Mr. Gilmer made a speech, and plausible arguments against it, and Mr. Chapman introduced a proposal to amend it, so as to satisfy the Senate, and to give it a second reading. The Senate voted to sustain the bill, and to send it to the House, with a report.

The most Indian Summer has had away, with its milder morning and hot day that envelops the whole landscape in noonday heat, and holds it in such a clinging distance. The early cold, however, coming to stop the formation of that layer of vapor, has left the house still, the streets in the long cold night.

In the dwelling of the rich the fire glows brightly; but the thick air嘘嘘ing in the confined space of the room, and where brings to them

the sensations of frostiness and comfort—only fear and suffering. Their almost

but costly pleasure—acute—acute

five cents for making a gentleman's shirt, for example—a mere miserable profiteering of slight property, and often, that little care is made in this regard. We know that we are buying an old shirt, one that has almost given up the ghost, which breeds disease, and corrupts the skin. Many a

household has suffered from the body

of the hoarder of himself.

The House on Tuesday, passed the

appropriation bill, the bill for the

salaries and other expenses. Mr. Lawrence presented a substitute for the Taft Bill of the Committee of Ways and Means.

On Friday, the House passed a bill requir-

ing the preparation of postage on all

transient printed matter, and passed two gen-

eral bills.

Both Houses adjourned over to

Tuesday. Nothing like earnest work may

be expected until after the holidays. Only

nine weeks of the session remain, in which

to transact as much important business as

during the long session of many months.

The first of the well-considered business before

the Senate is the bill for the settlement of

the claims of Revolutionary officers who

were promised half pay by a resolution of

1783, and whose claims were always com-

muted by five years full pay. Inasmuch as

this consideration was omitted when the

country was poor and penniless, and the ex-

traordinary cost of the war.

The fate of the Revolutionary bill is

desertful, opposition being made on the

ground that it does not go far enough, and

yet its opponents make no effort to extend

its benefits.

DEATHS IN THE REV. MR. LOVIES.

Bonton, indeed, is that being who hath

a home wherein the sweet pleasures of

life are only fully enjoyed. It is the only

place on earth where we can really find those

pure and innocent amusements that render

life still pleasant and endurable. It is the

only place in this cold, unfriendly world,

where we can truly find that solace which

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SCARLET FEVER.

This dreadful disease seems to be making

unusual ravages this season. It has not

been more destructive in the principal cities

and towns, but is now raging, in the West.

Speaking of remedies, the St. Louis Rep-

orter says:

"We invite the belief that the most pro-

minent physicians in the United States

and Europe are engaged in a contest to

discover a specific for it.

DEATH OF A NAVAL OFFICER.

Commander Stephen Bailey died Wash-

ington on Friday last. He has been for

several years a resident of Alexandria, Va.,

where he was qualified and eminently

suited for his naval career.

He was a member of the Naval Academy

at Annapolis, and

graduated in 1837.

DEATH OF CAPT. BRADLEY.

The Richmond Dispatch says that Capt. Ron-

ald H. Bradley, Sergeant-at-Arms of the

Senate, died on Thursday night, in the 7th

year of his age. He had, for eighteen or twenty

years, been an officer of the House—one of the

Danvers until the session of 1856-'56, when he

was elected Sergeant-at-Arms. His politi-

cally upright conduct and

integrity

had won him the confidence of the mem-

bers of both houses.

He had been a member of the

House of Representatives for

four years, and had

been a member of the

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