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## NEW GOODS.

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CHARLES JOHNSON has just established

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embracing every thing new and desirable in his line of busi-

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A very large Stock in French and Scotch work

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Of the best make in great variety.

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A large Stock of every pattern and style

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Heavy Goods for Tailors, Drapers, Police Clothes,

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Harper's Ferry, October 23, 1858.

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No. 2, East Burke Street,

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RESPECTFULLY invite attention to their

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PLIANCES, IRON,

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March 4, 1858. GALLAHER & CO.

DEATH'S DUNING AT HOME.

It is thirty-one years at the present month since the proprietors of the Free Press took up their residence in Charlestown. They had spent the six previous years at Harper's Ferry, during the greater portion of which time they had seen many hundreds, old and young, conveyed to the romantic cemetery on the hill which overlooks the junction of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Charlestown has always had a reputation for health and industry, and very rarely suffers from epidemics. Yet in thirty-one years we have recorded no small number of deaths, amongst the oldest inhabitants. These occurrences slow in delay, but, when hit, are often so sudden as to make us wonder what may be next.

A few evenings since, during a solitary and somewhat gloomy ride of five miles in the dark, from the house of a friend in the country, our mind reverted to scenes of the past—to the memories of many old friends who now sleep under the silent elms, and began to enumerate to ourselves the names of persons who have died since 1827. We began on the West end of Main street, and counted Eastward, and were able to bring to mind the following on that single street, without recurring to our files. We found the names of

Benjamin Johnson, Peter Haines, John Avis, Sr., Samuel Holl, William Crow, Sr., William Morrow, Jacob Sheets, John Lemon, Henry Isler, Henry Haines, Wm. F. Lock, John James Frame, David Humphreys, Richard Williams, Samuel Young, Wm. F. Lock, Hamilton Jefferson, Wm. Brown, W. W. Lane, Joseph E. Lane, F. W. Rawlins, Jas. Stephenson, Patrick Daugherty, T. Daugherty, Robert Fulton, George W. Humphreys, Mathew Ross, Jr., Samuel H. Allemong, Zachariah Buckmaster, John Buckmaster, Dr. Samuel J. Craver, Thomas Griggs, of John; Rev. Secy. Bunn, Joshua Rieley, Russell Brown, Thomas Hammond, Henry O. Hammond, William Little, Henry Sloan, and John Kennedy.

We then passed our minds over the back streets, and remembered Dr. Lee Griggs, Mathew Frame, Samuel O. Offutt, Thomas Likes, Andrew Woods, Michael Wyson, James Jones, G. S. Gardner, John Osgood, Enoch Dean, Cyrus Hibbins, Adam Brown, Thomas Parry, —Lloyd, Ephraim Bell, Dr. David H. Hunter, Moses Wilson, Hugh Wilson, James Wilson, Robt. Worthington, Louis Shaw, William Shirley, Wm. Avis, Adam Whip, Wm. Reed, and Wm. Brown, of Adam.

But it need not be supposed that Death confined his work to the old and those in middle life—to males only—many estimable ladies also obeyed the dread summons. We may possibly recur to our files to complete the list. For the present, even these reminiscences may be "words in season," at a time when the whole town seems to be in thoughtful mood.

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The Superintendent should, again, be Washington and demand pay for his services. All others, who have been engaged to receive their pay regularly, and it should be so with the Armories.

A MEMORIAL.

We received last week from our much beloved aqua, B. F. Gallaher, Pastor of the Steamer Powhatan, a letter from St. Helena dated the 29th of January last, with a handsome Lithograph of Napoleon's Tomb, and a Geranium leaf plucked from the tomb by George G. Also a lithographic view of St. James' Tomb, St. Helena.

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The only business finished at the first meeting was the naming of the corps, "Jefferson Guards," by a unanimous vote. After the adjournment, a majority of the present numbering some thirty or forty, were introduced into some of the mysteries of Scout's tactics, and paraded through town by J. W. Rowan, who served as Captain in the Virginia Regiment of Volunteers, in the war with Mexico. The bright moonlight, and the enlivening sound of the fife and drum, brought out quite a number of spectators.

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BERKELEY AFFAIRS.—Thomas G. Flagg, Thomas Brown and John W. Daily are announced as independent candidates for the office of Sheriff.

James Ijams and George Doll are announced as independent candidates for the office of County Clerk.

John P. Kerfoot is an independent candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk.

John P. Kerfoot is a candidate for County Surveyor.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. EVERLINE LINDSTROM, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs in this place, on Wednesday night last. She had been in delicate health for some years, but on Wednesday night, retired to rest after a very hard day's work without any unusual symptoms of her disease, and was found, Thursday morning, lying on the floor, dead! She was the widow of Harry Larson, formerly of Jefferson county—Martinsburg Rep.

SICK.

LOGAN OSBURN, Esq., one of the members of the House of Delegates from this county, having been detained from his seat in the House by sickness for several days, found it necessary to return to his home, at Estevian Dell, Thomas Griggs, of John; Rev. Secy. Bunn, Joshua Rieley, Russell Brown, Thomas Hammond, Henry O. Hammond, William Little, Henry Sloan, and John Kennedy.

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MADISON, Wisconsin  
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FRENCH GALLERIES:

"See Naples and Italy" You have often heard of the natural attractions of this beautiful Capital of Wisconsin. It is indeed the Queen City of the Northwest. A more beautiful location could hardly be imagined. It is situated on a narrow isthmus, about three fourths of a mile in width, flowing with promiscuous, between two sister lakes

—such as Lake Winona and Lake Mendota. The lake before the city is the largest in the state, and the second largest in the nation.

As to Leavenworth—there is no very inferior feeling manifested here by either party. The great majority of the people of the West are of course opposed to the measure. The larger portion of the Democratic party sympathize with and support Senator Douglas. Some of the most prominent leaders are supporting his intransigence.

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## POETICAL.

### The Absent One.

I think of thee tonight, love,  
When the world is hushed in sleep,  
When the little stars come one by one,  
Their silent watch to keep.  
When the moon is up, and clouds are flung  
Their shadows over the sea,  
I sit and watch them glistening by,  
And fondly think of thee.  
  
I'll listen to the cricket's chirp,  
And the rustling leaves above,  
And dream of thee while nature sings  
A melody of love;  
And if I hear a distant strain  
More soothing than the rest,  
I'll muse that art near me, love,  
And feel that I am lost.  
  
Nay, like the nimrod, that drop  
In sleep while gazing on  
The richly stored forms that play  
Around the setting sun;  
My eyes still hold visions of thee,  
(Too sweet e'er to forget!)  
And openeth at morning's dawn  
The lid that's lingering yet.

### LIFE.

A vast, unnumberable sum,  
Whose dim shapes we cannot see,  
Dumb, terrible Eternity!  
  
It contains every effort birth,  
A path with care and sorrow rife—  
Such is our hidden human life.  
  
Day after day, three long days,  
The will goes on, the doubts and fears;  
The earth is heavy with our tears.  
  
O gloomy night! O, dark filled earth!  
Blasphomous to make worth  
The grief that waits us from our birth?  
  
None is ever in our mortal nest  
We yearn now to prove and test  
The God of sterns' rest.  
  
It's in vain I, O, piping God,  
Who through the same dark way has trod,  
Help us to gain Heaven's bright abode.  
  
That, when the human strife is past,  
Our trials and woes may see at last  
That brighter shore ever overshine.

### Tempt me no More.

Tempt me no more:  
Thy toads are sweet and deep,  
Ye, they lily vainly on my weary rate;  
Pass off and leave me here to dream and weep,  
Counting the footfalls of the loosome years;  
  
Tempt me no more!

My wreath of life holds no fresh bloom for thee.

In flowers are sown on nuptial graves,

Ost, its withered leaves remain to me,

And their drift darkly toward death's winter.

### WANT.

Temp me no more!

### VARIETY.

**H**ONORABLE GOVERNOR.—Many years ago, says the Granite State Register, in this State, lived a stalwart blacksmith, fond of his pipe and his joke. He was also fond of his blooming daughter; whom many graces and charms had ennobled the affections of a susceptible young prior. The couple after a season of mutual billing and coining, engaged themselves, and nothing but the young lady's patient prevented their union. To obtain this an interview was arranged, and typop prepared a little speech to astonish and convince the old gentleman, who sat enjoying a favorite pipe, in perfect content. Typop dictated upon the fact of their long friendship, their mutual attachment, their hopes for the future, and like topics, and, taking the daughter by the hand, said: "I now, sir, ask your permission to transplant this lovely flower from its parent bed—but it's phœnix's overcom me." He forgot the remainder of his rhetorical flourish, blushed, stammered, and finally wound up—with from its parent bed into my own." The father keenly relished the discomfiture of the author, and, after removing his pipe and blowing a cloud, replied: "Well, young man, I don't know if I've any objections, provided you will marry the gal first."

### NEVER TOO LATE.

It is never too late to do right; as, for instance, a gentleman began to study grammar after he had written for the press ten years. It is never too late to get married. Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, took her first husband at five hundred and eighty. It is never too late to drop any habit. John, the novelist, was writing sometimes before he could shake off his solitary horsemanship. "It is never too late to be a 'wide awake' character; an old gentleman who has ceased to read the Daily Blunderbuss, has entirely recovered from the 'lethargy' that used to afflict him. It is sometimes too late to 'pop the question'; a man once did it to a charming widow just as she reached her house after burying her first husband. "You are too late," was the reply. "The Lord can speak to me at the grave!"

A MODEL TENANT.—Jimmy, get some binding, and be makin' a f'ree!

"Please, sir, I can't; Mister O'Brien used the last bannister yesterday."

"The bannister goes; then go on the roof, and try the virtue of those shingles."

Two weeks afterward, Mr. Murphy wants a redaction of rent—"cause why? the floor lake?"

THEY A celebrated writer says, the best thing to give your enemy is forbearance; to your opponent tolerance; to your friend, 1994 yours; to your child, a good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, confidence that will make her proud of you; to your wife, respect for the household.

IT is an advocate before a bench of magistrates a short time ago, said he had two witnesses to support his claim, and they would be sure to speak the truth; for he had had no opportunity to communicate with them.

ONE WHERE WAS I? said a little archin, one day to his mother, as he stood gazing upon his drunken and prostrate Pa. Why didn't you take me along? I could have picked out a better man than he is!

THE late Mr. Sidney Smith observed that a railway whistle seemed to him to be something like the scream of an attorney who would give what first the devil got hold of him.

DEA A fellow stepped down on an icy pavement, and in a sitting posture muttered, I have no desire to see the town burst down, but I do wish the streets were in safety.

HOW TO TREAT A WIFE.—Mrs. Hale's recipe on this subject is brief, and to the point. She says: "First, get a wife; second, be patient."

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