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Splendid Stock of Fall Dry Goods.

Hamilton Easter & Co.
No. 212 BALTIMORE STREET.

WE INVITE THE ATTENTION of wholesale and retail purchasers of our stock of Fall Dry Goods, mostly of their own importation, which will be found much more varied and more extensive than any other store of which the lowest price is named at once.

Included will be found—Rich Broad and color dress Silks, splendid merinos and new styled dress black Silks, in plain, water, figured and satin figured, real old-fashioned Gros Grain black Silks, figured and plain warm Chinos, in changeable and solid tones, very handsome Paul de Sade, in solid colors, evening Dress Silks, in white and light colors, a beautiful variety; Bonnet and Millinery Silks, in great variety; Madras, Marcellines, Piques, &c.

Boarding and Day School in Shepherdstown.

Mrs. J. W. PHILLIPS will reopen her Seminary near the City of Shepherdstown. Her course of instruction embraces all the branches usually taught in such Institutions. It is the effort and hope of the Proprietress, that each Pupil committed to her care, shall possess every advantage of acquisition, and be prepared to enter a respectable college or university. She is careful to employ the most accomplished Teachers. She labors to give her scholars a liberal and useful education. Each child pursues a systematic course of literary reading.

POETRY.

THE STEP-DAUGHTER.

She is not mine, and so my heart
Is not for her, and she is not
Than those of whom my life part—
This is the sin I fear;
And ever in the heart,
By loving those I best,
More gentle have I been to her,
Perhaps than all the rest.
Has any little fault occurred,
That may rebuke demand,
I can speak a hasty word,
Or lift a chilling hand,
An angel's face comes blushing by,
With looks so sad and mild—
A voice flows softly from the sky—
Would'st thou harm my orphan child?
No—wherefore should I do so?
I cherish her as mine,
Or may I lose her father's love,
A heartless one was thine.

MISCELLANY.

UNCLE BILL.
A TALE ABOUT LOVE AND GOLD DUST.

Uncle Bill Griffin, or Uncle Bill, as he was commonly called, with an irreverent disregard of his patronymic, did not retire from the ship chandlery business till he was worth something more than a million dollars. He was blessed with a son to continue his name and inherit his fortune, he lavished all his tenderness and care upon his daughter. Sweet Molly Griffin, that wert as unlike thy papa as a canary bird is like a bull dog. His face as hard as a Dutch nut-cracker; thin, as soft as a rose leaf. He was the veriest miser in all creation; thou didst spend thy pocket money as liberally as the Prince of Wales. In his childhood management, Uncle Bill was a consummate kindhearted; tradition said that he used to seek the back legs in the kitchen and water the lamp oil, and he was aided and abetted in all his niggardly domestic schemes by a vinegar-faced, old house keeper, who was the sworn enemy of all good cheer, and stinted from the pure love of meanness. Yet pretty Mary had no reason to complain of her father's penuriousness as far as she was concerned. He sent her to the best schools, and gave her a carte blanche on the most expensive milliners, and when she walked Washington street of a sunny day, there was no more gaily bedecked damsel to be seen from Cornhill to Essex street.

AN EDITOR'S DREAM ON A SLICE OF WEDDING CAKE.

It is a good custom always to furnish your friends a slice of wedding cake on the day of the nuptials. If you simply put it under your pillow after eating moderately as supper, you will likely dream pleasant dreams; but if you eat too much before lying down, then look out for trouble. Our brother of the *Enterprise*, Indiana, Journalist, lately published this, and here is his sad experience. Beware, ye eaters of too much wedding cake!

ELOQUENT SPEECH.

The speech delivered by Oden Hoffman, at the great Union meeting in New York, was most eloquent. He reminded us with the following stirring words, which were applauded to the very echo, by the assembled people:

"If the people of our national existence is to come, let it be when all sections—the North and the South, the East and the West—are huddled together, as in the days of our rebellion, against a despotic foe, and let us perish, if perchance we must, in defence of our liberties, our altars, and our Union, and lie down together in the red grave our swords have opened for us in the ranks of our enemies. Let us resolve by all our strongest ties to the land of our homes, by all our memories of the past, by all our hopes for the future, that our Union shall not be dissolved by the rude hands which are now assailing it. Or, if our ship of State must founder, let her go down at the close of some well-fought battle with a foreign foe; but let her not sink ignominiously in a smooth and placid sea. Rather than she should perish so, I would nail our glorious flag to the mast, set every threadbare sail, and give her to the God of storms—the lightning and the gale!"

THE LOOKING-GLASS RAT TRAP.

The August number of the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, contains the specification of a patented Mous-trap. This improved mode of body snatching is as follows:

A savory piece of roasted cheese is suspended on a hook. Enticed, a small mouse is so adjusted that the rat sees his shadow on the glass, (just as *Hugh* did) and not recognizing himself at first sight, thinks that some other rat is aiming for the cheese. He rushes in head of his rival. The board breaks on a deceiver. It is supported by a weak spring, (probably a patent trap), which yields under his weight, and precipitates him into a lower story of the trap, when the floor flies up to resume its place. Another rat comes along—sees the reflection of his predecessor, as well as his own, and thinks two rats are fighting for the cheese. In he goes—down he goes, and so on *tolites quoties*.

The advantages of this trap are obvious.—It economizes cheese. It saves the animal alive, and affords to mankind and dog kind the pleasure of subsequently killing him at their leisure. It teaches a useful lesson.—Rats should study optics. They should learn to know themselves and know their own faces, when they see it in the glass.—Hence our man-rats are now beginning to crook the long hair around their hipband given them a characteristic curl, so that they may identify themselves by using a hair-clip for an ear-mark.

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