

## Miscellany.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

Life is a race where success,  
While others are beginning;  
Tis luck at times, at others, speed,  
That gives an early winning.  
But if you chance to fall behind,  
Never slacken your endeavor;  
Just keep this wholesome truth in mind—  
Tis better late than never.

If you can keep ahead, 'tis well,  
But never trip your neighbor;  
Tis noble when you can excel  
By honest, patient labor.  
But if you are outstripped at last,  
Press on as bold as ever;  
Remember, though you are surpassed,  
Tis better late than never!  
Ne'er labor for an ill boast  
Of victory o'er another,  
But, while you strive your utmost best,  
Deal fairly with a brother.  
Whatever your station, be it best,  
And hold your purpose ever;  
And if you fall to the rear,  
Tis better late than never!

Choose well the path in which you run,  
Succeed by noble daring;  
Then, though the last, when once 'tis won,  
Your crown is worth the wearing.  
Then never fret if left behind,  
Nor slacken your endeavor;  
But ever keep this truth in mind—  
Tis better late than never!

A friend of ours from Pennsylvania visited Goodhue County, Minnesota, last week in search of a schoolmaster's berth. After travelling on foot for several days, without seeing a schoolhouse or even being able to secure a single trustee, he one afternoon approached a log-cabin and a large pile of pumpkins, near which was an "intelligent-looking farmer" engaged in fashioning an ox-yoke. His appearance indicated that he might possibly be a man having authority in the educational transactions of his neighborhood. Under this pleasant impression the following colloquy took place, which conveys an idea of the manner in which educational matters are "done up" in some of the corners of our American "backwoods":

"Good-afternoon, Sir."  
"How-do-you-do?"  
"I have been travelling through your country for the purpose of securing, if possible, a situation as school-teacher. Can you inform me where the president of your school board resides?"  
"A schoolmaster you be! Don't know where the president's shanty is—don't know whether he's got one."

"What wages do your people pay school-teachers?"  
"What wages? Really, young man, I can't say. Have you made a claim yet?"  
"No, Sir; I think I shan't make one. Do you think I could get a school in your district if I should make application?"

"Really, don't know. Reckon not, though. Kin you drive oxen?"  
"No, Sir; never did any farming or teaming. Educated myself for a school-teacher in Coneyaugh township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania."

"Yass, kin you maul rails? Great chances for such business over in the Norwegian settlement."  
"No, Sir; not accustomed to perform such severe manual labor. Perhaps you can tell me where I will find your school-district superintendent? He could inform me whether your district needs more teachers?"

"No, young man, I can't. To be p'inted about the matter, we don't have no schoolmaster in these parts, nor no school trustees, nor no district superintendent, as you call him. All the settlers is busy with their claims, and don't have no time for such useless and unimportant concerns. An' let me recommend you if you don't know nothing else than to keep school, and don't keep about making a claim, and can't drive oxen or maul rails, to go back to Somerset County, an' stay there. People come to Minnesota to get land and make money, 'cause they see it's a great country. Book-larnin' no good, and we don't want no schools. We want enterprisin' men!"

"Yes, I see," replied our exasperated friend—"This is a great country; and you might have added, in the words of Gen. Gage, of Somerset Co., 'It isn't all fenced in yet.'"

"Yass."  
And there the colloquy ended. Our friend, in high dudgeon, left the "intelligent-looking farmer" and the Territory, strongly impressed with the conviction that Minnesota is no great shakes after all.

At a railroad station an old lady said to a very pompous-looking gentleman, who was talking about steam communication, "Pray, sir, what is steam?"  
"Steam, ma'am, is, ah!—steam is—eh! ah! steam is—steam!" "I knew that chap couldn't tell ye," said a rough-looking fellow, standing by; "but steam is a bucket of water in a tremendous perspiration!"

A Vicksburg correspondent assures us, in a private letter, that the following resolutions were passed by the Board of Councilmen in Canton, Mississippi:

Resolved by this Council that we build a new jail.  
"2. Resolved that the new jail be built out of the materials of the old jail."  
"3. Resolved that the old jail be used until the new jail is finished."

Could Dublin or Cork beat that?

Years ago, when as yet the pumps and vanities of the world had not invaded the churches, Father Ostrander was presiding elder among the Methodists in this region. To his horror, one Sabbath, as he was reading the hymn, he heard the twang of a musical instrument in the choir, and, pausing, he demanded:

"What's that you've got up there in the choir?"  
"A bass viol, Sir," meekly replied the leader.  
"I say it isn't!" said the indignant elder; "it's a great, unforgiveable! Take it away!"  
They took it away.

One of the most amusing scenes in the Legislature of Pennsylvania occurred on a motion to remove the Capitol of the State from Harrisburg to Philadelphia. A matter-of-fact member from the rural districts, who had heard of the great facility with which brick houses are moved from one part of a city to another, and who had not the least idea that anything but moving the State House was in contemplation, rose and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to the motion, but I don't see how on earth you are going to get it over the river."

Anderson, the wizard, and a very poor wizard he was, met with a Yankee who stole a march on him after the following pattern:—Enter Yankee.

"I say, yon, Professor Anderson?"  
"Yes, sir, at your service."

"Wa'l, yon're a tarnation smart man, and I'm sumthin' at a trick, too, kinder close to you know."

"Ah, indeed, and what tricks are you up to six?" asked the professor, amused at the simple fellow.

"Wa'l, I can take a red cent and change it into a ten dollar gold piece."

"Oh, that's a mere sleight-of-hand trick, I can do that too."

"No you can't. I'd like to see you try."

"Well, hold out your hand with a cent in it."

Yankee stretched out his paw with a red lying on it.

"This is your cent, is it, sure?"

"It's nothin' else."

"Hold on to it tight—Presto! change. Now open your hand."

Yankee opened his fist, and there was a gold eagle shining in his palm.

"Wa'l, you did it, I declare! much obliged to you!" and Jonathan turned to go out.

"Say," said the professor, "you may leave me ten dollars."

"Youn! wasn't it my cent? and didn't you turn it into this eraller thing, eh? Good bye!" and he left the room he was heard to say.

"Guess there ain't anything about this child!"

## Miscellaneous.

## A CARD.

## DR. S. SMITH

HAS removed his Office to the Shop lately occupied by W. L. FERGUSON, Esq.,  
Residence in the same house.  
Woodstock, March 3.

## Take Notice.

THE subscriber would beg to notify his friends and the public, that he has removed his business to the Store next to W. T. BAIRD, Esq., where he is prepared to repair.

**WATCHES & CLOCKS.**  
And every other thing connected with his business, in the best manner and on the most reasonable terms.  
JAMES ROBERTSON.  
Woodstock, July 23, 1857.

## REMOVAL.

THE subscriber begs leave to remind his customers and friends, and the public in general, that he has REMOVED BACK TO HIS

## OLD STAND.

where he will be found in future with his usual Stock of Goods, which he will sell, as previously, so as to be competitive.

## WOOLLEN HALL.—Clothing.

A LARGE and superior assortment of CLOTHING always on hand. Summer Goods very cheap. Garments made to measure on the latest fashions, in the usual and fashionable styles, and a perfect fit warranted. Don't forget, but call at the Woollen Hall.  
J. W. SKILLIN.  
June 11, 1857.

## REMOVAL! REMOVAL!

HAS removed across the street to his NEW STORE, where will be found a good selection of

## Dry Goods, Groceries, &amp;c.

His DRY GOODS consist, in part, of—  
Grey and White Cottons, Striped Shirtings, Red Tick, Blue Drilling, Fancy Prints, Orleans, Coburgs, Silk and Cotton Pocket-Hdkfs., India Rubber and Web Braces, Towels, Table Covers, Thread, Buttons, Cotton Wick, and a good assortment of Blue and White Cotton Wares.

**HARDWARE.**—Cut Nails, Seythe Sticks, Seythe Stones, Hay Rakes, Wood Cards, Brooms, Pails, Pocket Knives and Combs, Steel Pens, Woodstock Pipes, Pins, Needles, Coffee Cans, Coffin Cords, Coffin Mounting, with a good assortment of Crockery.

**GROCERIES.**—Flour, Corn Meal, Brown Sugar, Crushed do., Porto Rico Molasses, Tea, Tobacco, Rice, Soap, Candles, Coarse Salt, Butter do., and Table do., Burning Fluid, Vinegar, Log Wood, Red Wood, Indigo, Copperas, Vitriol, Sulphur, Salts, Snuff, Alspice, Pepper, Starch, Mustard, Cloves, Soda, Biscuit, Country Herring, Dried Fish, Dried Apples, Currants, Raisins, &c., &c., and other articles usually kept for the Country Trade.

The Public would do well to call and inspect the above articles, before purchasing elsewhere, as the motto is, "Cheap for Cash, and Quick Returns."

## E. J. SMITH

Woodstock, Oct. 25, 1856.

## LUMBER WANTED.

ANY quantity of BUTTERNUT or BASSWOOD LUMBER taken in exchange for Household Furniture of good quality, at Cash price.

## THOS. G. BOURNE.

Woodstock, May 30, 1857.

## NEW GOODS!

JUST received, part of my SPRING STOCK, consisting of—  
**Bonnets, Ribbons, Parasols, Hats, Dresses, Gray and White Cottons, Prints, Gloves & Hosiery.**

A large lot of MANTLES, very cheap. Also, Boys, Ladies' and Girls' Brown and White STRAW HATS in great variety.

## G. STRICKLAND.

Woodstock, May 7th, 1857.

## WOOLLEN HALL.

JUST received at the above Establishment, a splendid assortment of

## SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

Mantles, Parasols, Ribbons, Sewing Machines, Dress Goods, &c., &c., of the very latest designs, all of which are now selling very cheap.

## W. SKILLIN.

June 11th, 1857.

## CAUTION.

I HEREBY caution all persons against purchasing or negotiating two Promissory NOTES, drawn by me, dated on or about the 21st day of February last, for thirty pounds each, payable conditionally—once in twelve months after date, the other in eighteen—to James McClellan, as I have paid the amount of the said notes to the said James McClellan.

## DAVID PHILLIPS.

Woodstock, June 30th, 1857.

## Dress does not make the Man, but adds very materially to his appearance.

THEREFORE it becomes all men to dress well, and to this end they should know where to obtain, for the smallest amount of money, the largest amount of SEASONABLE AND FASHIONABLE

## CLOTHING.

Reader, art thou a man? know then, and hasten to prove what is here told to be truth, that, at his Store in Water-street,

## RICHARD G. ENGLISH

has now opened and for sale, of the kind and on the terms mentioned above, a little the nicest stock of CLOTHING—comprising Coats, Vests, Pants, Hats, Boots and Shoes, Furnishing Goods, of every quality and description—offered in Woodstock.

## WOODSTOCK, July 4.

## New Boot and Shoe Store!

E. R. PARSONS

HAS re-opened a Boot and Shoe Store at the Creek Village, north end of Bridge, on the corner south of Mr. John Bradley's, where will be kept constantly on hand a general assortment of

## Ladies' and Gentlemen's, Misses', Boys', Children's and Infants'

in all their different varieties.

Parties wishing to purchase will find it to their advantage to buy here, as the stock has been principally manufactured by myself, and for quality and cheapness is unsurpassed in Woodstock.

Also: SOLE LEATHER, UPPER LEATHER, KIP and CALF SKINS.

Also: SHOE FINDINGS in all their varieties.

## WOODSTOCK, July 9th, 1857.

## E. R. PARSONS.

## HAYING TOOLS.

THE subscriber has just received a choice assortment of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, comprising—  
15 doz. Hay Rakes, 2 and 3 bowd;  
10 " Griffin Seythes;  
10 " Griffin Scutches;  
5 gross do. Stones;  
which are offered at the lowest market prices. Orders solicited.  
GEO. M. KITCHELL & Co.,  
St. John, July 10.

## NEW MUSIC! NEW MUSIC!

Just received at the Musical Exchange,

A FURTHER supply of SIXTY MUSIC BOOKS, A. C. among which may be found some beautiful Duets, in Songs and Instrumental Music; LIGHT SPARKS, a beautiful collection of Marches, Polkas, Schottisches, Contes, Waltzes, &c., carefully factored by myself, and for quality and cheapness is unsurpassed in Woodstock.

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