

THE COLUMBIA PHENIX.

The Empty Cradle.

In the lonely, quiet chamber,
 There's an empty cradle-bed,
 With a print upon the pillow
 Of a baby's shining head.
 'Tis a fair and dainty cradle;
 Downy soft the pillows white;
 But within the blankets folded,
 Lies no little form to-night.

Once the mother sat beside it,
 When the day was growing dim,
 And her pleasant voice was singing
 Soft and low, a cradle hymn.
 Now there's no more need of singing,
 When the evening shadows creep,
 For the cradle-bed is empty
 And the baby gone to sleep!

Little head, that used to nestle
 In the pillows, white and soft;
 Little hands, whose restless fingers
 Folded there in dreams so oft;
 Lips we pressed with fondest kisses—
 Eyes we praised for purest ray—
 Underneath the church-yard daisies
 They have hid you all away.

Ah! the empty, useless cradle!
 We will put it out of sight,
 Lest our hearts should grieve too sorely
 For the little one to-night.
 We will think how safe forever,
 In the better fold above,
 That young lamb for which we sorrow
 Resteth now in Jesus' love.

How to be UNHAPPY.—In the first place, if you want to be miserable, be selfish. Think all the time of yourself and of your own things. Do not care about anybody else. Have no feeling for any one but yourself. Never think of enjoying the satisfaction of seeing others happy; but rather, if you see a smiling face, be jealous, lest another should enjoy what you have not. Envy every one who is better off, in any respect, than yourself; think unkindly towards them and speak ill of them. Be constantly afraid lest some one should encroach upon your rights; be watchful against it, and if any one comes near your things, snap at him like a mad dog. Contend earnestly for everything that is your own, though it may not be worth a dime, for rights are just as much concerned as if it were a pound of gold. Never yield a point. Be very sensitive, and take everything that is said to you in playfulness, in the serious manner. Be jealous of your friends, lest they should not think enough of you. And if at any time they seem to neglect you, put the worst construction upon their conduct you can.

BABY AND THE SUNBEAM.—A baby frot old enough to speak or walk was creeping on the floor. By-and-by a bright ray of sun-light fell upon the carpet. She looked at it, and crept all around it, with the greatest curiosity in her sweet face; and then, putting down her lips, she kissed it. Now, was not that beautiful? The little sunbeam lighted up joy in her baby-heart, and she expressed that joy with a kiss.

We do not like negative men, but a man may be a great deal too positive.

THE SIMPLE SECRET.—Twenty clerks in a store. Twenty "hands" in a printing office. Twenty apprentices in a ship-yard. Twenty young men about a village. All want to get on in the world, and all expect to do so. One of the clerks will rise to be partner, and make a fortune. One of the compositors will own a newspaper and become an influential and prosperous citizen. One of the apprentices will come to be a master-builder. One of the young villagers will get a handsome farm and live like a patriarch. But which is destined to be the lucky individual? Lucky! There is no luck about it. The thing is almost as certain as the rule of three. The young fellow who will distance his competitors is he who masters his business, who preserves his integrity, who lives cleanly and purely, who never gets into debt, and who gains friends by deserving them. There are some ways to fortune that look shorter than this old, dusty highway. But the staunch men of the community, the men who achieve something really worth having, good fortune, good name, and serene old age, all go this road.

Notice.
 ALL persons indebted to the COLUMBIA PHENIX, are requested to make immediate payment. In the future, the CASH SYSTEM will be rigidly enforced.
 May 2 JULIAN A. SELBY.

Lumber and Doors for Sale.
 SEVERAL DOORS and a small quantity of LUMBER for sale at a reasonable price. Apply in Sumter street, near Lumber, to
 May 1 Mrs. F. GEESE.

Notice.
 ALL persons having claims against the Annual Academy will present them to me for payment immediately.
 May 1 BENJ. H. KNIGHT.

\$50 Reward.
 THE above reward will be cheerfully given any one that will give information to convict persons for STEALING BOARDS from the fence enclosing my lot on Blanding street. The most of the boards are alike and easy of detection. I enclosed it at the request of City Council, and hope they will assist in keeping it so.
 May 1 C. A. BODELL.

Runaway.
 FROM the subscriber, a NEGRO MAN, his WIFE, with two CHILDREN. The man is about five feet high—the woman six; the latter may be known by a seal or naked place on the head. Of the children, the eldest is a boy of little more than two years; the other a girl, a little more than one. The complexion of the man and woman is inclined to yellow; that of the youngest child very light. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward is offered for their apprehension. Address
 Rev. T. HENDRIX,
 Columbia, S. C.
 April 29

For Sale or Rent.
 COTTAGE HOUSE containing five rooms and necessary out-buildings, with sixty acres of land attached, two miles and a half from the city. Inquire at this office.
 April 17

A Young Lady,
 WHO is capable of teaching the English Branches and Mathematics, desires a SITUATION as TEACHER, either in a small school or private family. Good references given, if required. Address "L. B. B.," Lexington C. H., S. C.
 April 29 sw4

WANTED,
 A GOOD WHEELWRIGHT, for whom liberal wages will be paid. Apply at this office.
 April 28, '6*

Headq's District of South Carolina,
 COLUMBIA, MAY 1, 1865.
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 6—Extract.

II. BRIG. GEN. ALBERT BLANCHARD
 is assigned as Commandant of Post at Columbia, S. C., vice Col. A. F. Rudler, relieved.

By command Maj. Gen. LOVELL.
 (Signed,) JOHN M. B. LOVELL, A. A. A. G.

HEADQ'RS, COLUMBIA, S. C., May 1, 1865.
GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.
 In accordance with Special Order No. 6 of General Lovell, I assume command of the Post of Columbia, S. C.

Capt. C. P. TOWNSEND, P. C. A., is appointed Post Adjutant until further orders.
 ALBERT BLANCHARD,
 Brig. Gen. Comm'dg Post.

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Headquarters,
 NEAR SMITHFIELD, N. C. APRIL 7, 1865.
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 35—Extract.

V. MAJ. GEN. MANSFIELD LOVELL is assigned to command in the State of South Carolina.

By command of Gen. J. E. JOHNETON.
 KINLOCK FALCONER, A. A. G.

HEADQ'RS DIST. OF SOUTH CAROLINA;
 APRIL 12, 1865

ORDER NO. 1.
 In compliance with the above orders, the undersigned hereby assumes command in this State. Until the names of the staff are announced, official communications to these headquarters will be addressed to Lieut. J. M. B. LOVELL, Acting A. A. G. at Columbia.
 April 14 M. LOVELL, Major-General, &c.

F. EUGENE DURBEC,
 Auction and Commission Merchant,
 Office Assembly Street, Between Plain and Washington Streets.

WILL give prompt attention to the sale and purchase of REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, BONDS and all other articles of PERSONAL PROPERTY, MERCHANDIZE or PRODUCE, at either private sale or auction. April 17

CARD.
 THE subscriber having resumed business as a Commission Merchant, is now prepared to receive consignments and make liberal advances on all kinds of PRODUCE and MERCHANDIZE. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of same. All business entrusted to my care shall have my usual prompt attention.
 A. L. SOLOMON, Commission Merchant,
 Plain street, second door from Assembly.
 April 20

Notice.
 IN pursuance of the authority vested in me by Section 3 Article II of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, I hereby change the place of the meeting of the next Diocesan Council from the city of Columbia to Camden; and the time from the 10th to the 24th of May next. The Council will, therefore, be held in Grace Church, Camden, on the 24th of May. The necessities for these changes are so obvious that they need not be stated, and I earnestly request the attendance of the members of the Council. THOS. F. DAVIS,
 Bishop of the Diocese of S. C.

The attention of the Clergy and Parishes of the Diocese is called to the above, and those who may fail to receive the usual notification are requested to consider it in lieu thereof.
 J. D. McCOLLOUGH,
 April 18
 Secretary of Council.