

The Quail's Corner.

O, BLESS THE GIRLS.

O, bless the girls, the charming girls,
We could not do without them;
They are so sweet and keep so neat.

O, bless the girls, the loving girls,
They are so sweet as honey;
They gaze our brain, and soothe our pain.

Scrap, Facts and Fancies.

- In what color should a secret be kept? "In violet."
- The worst organ-grinder—a hollow tooth that plays the doze.

THE CAPTAIN'S LOSS, AND THE WIDOW'S GAIN

At nightfall on an autumnal evening, when the stars were just beginning to twinkle overhead, like diamonds on a canopy of azure, two young men were standing together, engaged in conversation, on the steps of the Black Eagle, a fashionable hotel in one of the principal streets of the gay and celebrated city of Vienna.

"So all is completed at the Ministry of War, except the signature of the commission, and the payment of the purchase money," said the soldier.
"Exactly so."

"And to-morrow, then," continued the huzzar, "I am to congratulate you on the command of a company, and salute you as Captain Ernest Walstein."

"Bah! she is forty," answered Ernest, carelessly.
"But in fine preservation, and a beauty for all that," said Captain Steinfort.

"Precisely so," replied the Captain.
"But since you are free this evening, I engage you to pass it with me. Have you got any money about you?"

"A good deal. Besides the price of my commission, which is safely stowed away in bank notes in this breast pocket, I have a handful of ducats about me, with which I propose purchasing some trinkets for my bride. But I have a gold piece or two that I can spare if—"

"Make your game, gentlemen," said this individual, "while the ball spins. Your luck's as good as mine. It's all luck, gentlemen, at rouge-et-noir. Rouge-et-noir, gentlemen, the finest in the world. Black wine—yours, sir—twenty ducats, and you have doubled it. Make your game—black or red?"

Why need we follow the fortunes of Ernest on this fatal evening, as he yielded, step by step, to the seduction to which he was now exposed for the first time in his life? Long after Steinfort left the gambling house he continued to play. His luck turned. He had soon lost all his winnings, and the money set apart for his bridal presents. He had broke the package of bank notes, the money he had received from his father for the purchase of his commission, and though he saw bill after bill sweep away before his eyes, he continued to play, in the desperate hope of winning back his losses. At length his last ducat was gone. He rose and left the room, the last words ringing in his ear, being:

"Make your game, gentlemen, while the ball rolls."
Despairing and heart-stricken, the young man sought his hotel and his chamber. On the staircase he encountered Madame Von Berlingen, but he saw her not—his eyes were glazed—he did not notice or return her salutation. He threw himself upon his bed without undressing, and toward morning he fell into an unrefreshing and dream-peopled slumber.

When he awoke late the next day he looked at himself in the glass, but scarcely recognized his own face, so changed was he by the mental agonies he had undergone. When he had paid some little attention to his toilette he received a message from Madame Von Berlingen, requesting the favor of an interview in her apartments. He mechanically obeyed the summons, though ill fitted to sustain a conversation with a lady. The widow requested him to be seated. "Mr. Walstein," said she, with a smile, "you are growing very ungallant. I met you last night upon the staircase, but, though I spoke to you, you had not a word or a nod for me."

"Last night, madam," answered the unfortunate young man, "I was beside myself. O, madam—if you knew all!"
"I do know all," replied the lady.
"What I had then away—yes, those are the words—every ducat of the money my poor father furnished me with which to purchase my commission."

"Yes—I know all that. But the loss is not irreparable."
"Pardon me, madam. My father, though reputed wealthy, is unable to furnish me with a similar sum, even if I were base enough to accept it at his hands."

"But if some friends were to step forward?"
"Alas! I know none."
"Mr. Walstein," said the lady, "I am rich; a loan of the requisite amount would not affect me in the least."

"Ob, madam," cried the young man, "if you would indeed save me by such generosity, you would be an angel of mercy."
"What is the amount of your loss?" inquired the lady calmly, as she unlocked her desk.
"Three thousand ducats," answered Ernest. "But I can give you no security for the payment."

"Your note of hand is sufficient," said the lady, handing the young man a package of notes. "Please to count those, and see if the sum is correct. Here are writing materials."
Ernest did as he was bid—counted the money, and then sat down at the desk. "Write at my dictation," said the lady. Ernest took up a pen and commenced. "The date," said the lady. Ernest wrote it.

"Received of Anna von Berlingen the sum of three thousand ducats."
Ernest wrote and repeated—"three thousand ducats."
"Be in consideration, I promise to marry the aforesaid Anna Von Berlingen."

"To marry you!" exclaimed Ernest.
"Am I deformed—am I ugly—am I poor?"
"I cannot do it—you know not the reason that induces me to refuse."

"Then go home to your father and confess your guilt."
Ernest reflected a few moments. He could not go home to his father with the frightful tale. It was a question between suicide and marriage; he signed the paper.
"Now, then, Baron," said the widow to herself, as she carefully secured the promise, "you cannot say that you broke the heart of Annie by your cruelty. Take the money, Ernest," she added aloud, "go and purchase your commission."

Ernest obeyed. His dreams of yesterday morning had all been dissipated by his own act; he felt a degraded and broken-spirited criminal. He had sold himself for gold.
"Here comes Captain Ernest!" cried a youthful voice. And a beautiful blue-eyed girl of nineteen stood at the garden gate of a pretty farm-house, watching the approach of a horseman, who gaily attired in a huzzar uniform, was galloping up the road. At her shout of delight a sturdy old gray-haired man came forth and stood beside her.

"Captain Ernest!" he repeated, "that sounds well. When I was of his age, I only carried a musket in the ranks. I never dreamed then that a son of mine could ever aspire to the epaulette."
Ernest, waving his hand to Meena Altenberg and his father, rode past them to the stable, where he left his horse. He then rushed into the farm-house, where his father met him.
"What is the meaning of this, boy?" he said. "How wild and haggard you look! And you have avoided Meena—and this, too, your wedding-day!"

Ernest, with a meaning, "would be grateful, were a certain paper destroyed."
"What is the meaning of all this?" asked the father of Ernest, coming forward.
"Let me see," said Ernest, tearing to atoms the promissory note he received from the widow's hands, "that I had very ugly dreams last night. I dreamed that I played at rouge-et-noir, and lost all the money you gave me to purchase my commission with, and then that I made up the loss by promising—"

"Hush!" said the widow, laying her finger on her lips.
"Then it was all a dream," said the old man.
"Look at my uniform," replied the Captain.
"And what did you mean in the story you told me just now?"

"Forget it, father," said Ernest. "Dear Meena, look up, my love. It is our wedding-day; and if you do but love me I'm the happiest dog that wears a sabre and a dollman."
That very day, two weddings were celebrated in the farm-house, those of Captain Ernest Walstein with the fraulein Meena Altenberg, and Baron Von Dangerfeld with the yet beautiful and wealthy widow. The Captain never tried his luck again at any game of chance.

SECURE VAULTS.—The vaults of the Bank of France, which contain more treasure than any other single spot on the face of the globe, are accessible through an iron door, which has three keys, and these keys are kept by three leading officers. The iron stair-case which leads to the vault can be detached, and, by a chemical apparatus, a supply of deadly gas can be made to permeate every part, destroying human life in a few seconds, while the whole vault can be submerged in ten minutes.

A WONDERFUL HOBBY-HORSE.—The Washington Star mentions an automaton horse, invented by William F. Godwin, of that city, for exhibition at the Paris Exposition. The contrivance is said to be very ingenious, and is worked by machinery inside. The horse, when wound up, will start off at a small trot, for instance, drawing a considerable load, as a boy in a small wagon, and will move for thirty minutes, putting its feet down with all the vim of a 2.30 trotter.

KEEP constantly on hand a full supply of the following goods, viz:
SWEDISH IRON, all sizes, 1 to 12 inches,
ENG. IRON, 1x2 to 2x2 inches,
COUNTRY IRON, horse shoe size to 3x3 inches,
CAST STEEL, 3/4 in square and octagon to 1 1/2"
PLOW STEEL, 4 to 12 inches wide.
ANVILS and VICES,
WAGON, TRACE, LOG and COIL CHAIN,
NAILS, TACKS, SCREWS, AXES, PICKS,
HAMMERS, HATCHETS & LOOKS, all kinds,
HOLLOW-WARE, a full assort', 10 cts. per lb.
GRINDSTONES, AUGERS,
CHISELS, DRAWING-KNIVES,
FARMERS' TOOLS,
SAWS, mill, cross-cut, hand, &c.,
IBOTSON'S FILES, the best in market,
WOSTENHOLM'S, RODGERS' & ALEXANDER'S POCKET & TABLE CUTLERY and RAZORS,
BOLTING CLOTHS, No. 3 to 10, as low as can be bought in this market,
BELTING, from 3 to 10 or 12 inches—larger sizes brought out to order,
COFFEE ROASTERS, COFFEE MILLS,
AXLES, SPRINGS, WAGON BOXES,
SPOKES, SHAFTS, FELLOWS, HUBS,
ENAMELED CLOTH and LEATHER,
OIL CARPET,
BOLTS' MALLEABLE CASTINGS, WRENCHES.

GROCERIES.
BAGGING, ROPE,
SUGAR, COFFEE,
&c., &c.
Sept 27, 1866 15 8m

NICKERSON'S HOTEL.
PASSENGERS arriving in Columbia on the different Railroads will find OMNIBUSES, CARRIAGES and BAGGAGE WAGONS in readiness to convey them to and from his Hotel, FREE OF CHARGE.
Responsible persons in attendance to receive Checks and Baggage.
T. S. NICKERSON, Proprietor.
August 23, 1866 10-3m

MILLINERY.
MRS. C. E. REED,
Importer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
Millinery, Straw & Fancy Goods,
MAIN STREET, NEXT TO FISHER & HINRITSH,
COLUMBIA, S. C.
INVITES the Trade to examine her full stock and varied assortment of Bonnets and Hats, trimmed and untrimmed, Ribbons and Flowers of all descriptions, Ladies' Hair in every color and shade. Also, Plain and French Corsets, which will be sold very low.
Oct. 25, 1866 19 8m

CHARLESTON HOTEL,
CHARLESTON, S. C.
THIS popular and well known HOTEL, has been newly furnished throughout by the present proprietor, who has been sixteen years connected with the establishment.
W. WHITE, Proprietor.
GEORGE G. MIXER, Superintendent.
CHARLES A. MILLER, Cashier.
May 3, 1866 46 8m

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.
Notice to Shippers of Cotton.
OFFICE G. & C. RAILROAD CO.,
COLUMBIA, November 1, 1866.
NOTICE is hereby given to all shippers of Cotton on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, consigned to any point beyond Columbia, that arrangements have been made with the Collector of the Internal Revenue for this Collection District, by which all cotton coming down the road, upon which the tax has not been paid, that it may be assessed and the tax paid at this point; provided it is consigned to J. B. Glass, Agent at this point, and the amount of the tax will be forwarded, to be paid by the consignee in Charleston—without charge.
It is, however, desirable, that where it is convenient, the cotton be assessed and the tax paid at the point of shipment.
H. T. HAMMETT, Pres't.
Nov 8, 1866 21

Greenville & Columbia Railroad.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Columbia, Sept. 12, 1866.
On and after Monday, 17th inst., the Passenger Trains will be run daily, (Sunday's excepted) until further notice, as follows:
Leave Columbia at 7 15 a. m.
" Allston, " 9 05 "
" Newberry, " 10 55 a. m.
Arrive at Abbeville, " 2 13 p. m.
" " " 3 10 "
" " Greenville, " 5 40 "
Leave Greenville at 6 00 a. m.
" Anderson, " 6 30 "
" Abbeville, " 8 35 a. m.
" Newberry, " 1 20 p. m.
Arrive at Allston, " 2 45 "
" Columbia, " 4 40 "
The bridge at Allston being now completed, passengers and freights will be transported without delay. The expense of freights, by the discontinuance of the wagons and boats, will be largely reduced.
J. B. LASALLE, Gen'l Supt.
Sept 20, 1866 14

Schedule over S. C. Railroad.
GENERAL Supt's OFFICE,
CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 3, 1866.
ON and after Wednesday, November 7, 1866, the Passenger Trains of this road will run the following schedule:
AGUSTA TRAIN.
Leave Charleston, 8.00 a. m.
Arrive at Columbia, 5.20 p. m.
Arrive at Augusta, 5.00 p. m.
Leave Augusta, 7.00 a. m.
Leave Columbia, 6.50 a. m.
Arrive at Charleston, 4.00 p. m.
THROUGH MAIL TRAIN.
Leave Augusta, 5.50 p. m.
Arrive at Kingsville, 1.05 a. m.
Arrive at Columbia, 2.00 p. m.
Leave Columbia, 3.40 p. m.
Arrive at Kingsville, 12.03 night.
Arrive at Augusta, 12.03 night.
H. T. PEAKE, Gen'l Supt.
Nov 15, 1866 22

Schedule over the Blue Ridge Railroad.
ON and after Monday the 17th inst., the Trains on the Blue Ridge Railroad will leave Anderson for Pendleton and Walhalla on Wednesdays and Saturdays, after the arrival of the Greenville & Columbia Railroad Trains.
Will leave Walhalla on Mondays at 2 1/2 o'clock, a. m., connecting with the down Train of Greenville & Columbia Railroad.
Will leave Walhalla on Wednesdays at 10 o'clock, a. m.
W. H. D. GALLARD, Superintendent B. R. R. R.
Sept 20, 1866 16

FINE CHEWING TOBACCO
AND
EXTRA FINE SMOKING TOBACCO!!
A LOT of Chewing Tobacco, at various prices, from 30 cents to \$1.00 per lb., by the box, and an extra lot of Smoking Tobacco by the retail.
O. H. P. FANT, At the Depot.
Sept 13, 1866 13

BUGGIES
Neatly Painted and Trimmed
At moderate prices for CASH OR PRODUCE.
HARNES & SADDLE WORK
Of all kinds, executed in the best manner, and upon the same terms.
Shop near the old Livery Stable of H. B. & J. L. Arnold.
The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.
JOHN L. ARNOLD.
March 22, 1866 4)

AGENTS WANTED FOR
THE LIFE AND CAMPAIGNS OF
General Stonewall Jackson,
By Prof. R. L. Dabney, D. D., of Va.
THE Standard Biography of the Immortal Hero. The only edition authorized by his widow, and published for her pecuniary benefit. The author a personal friend and Chief of Staff of the Christian Soldier. We want an Agent in every county. Send for circulars and see our terms, and what the Press says of the work. Address NATIONAL PUBLISHING CO., Corner 7th and Main Sts., Richmond, Va.
Oct. 25, 1866 19

J. S. COLES,
Factor and Forwarding Merchant,
114 Reynolds Street,
Near South Carolina Depot,
Augusta, Georgia.
WILL sell COTTON and PRODUCE generally, or receive the same on Storage.
Will furnish or purchase planters' supplies.
August 2, 1866 7 6m

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian.
UNDER the above title the subscriber proposes to resume the publication of the "Due West Telescope," for the A. R. Synod, on the 1st of January, 1867.
Subscription—Three Dollars a year, in advance, in currency.
Our old exchanges will confer a favor by giving this notice an insertion or two. Also, by sending us their papers in advance.
J. I. BONNER.
Due West, S. C., Nov. 8, 1866 21

Notice to Consignees.
HEREAFTER goods will not be delivered at this Depot until freight is paid. Parties expecting goods to be delivered per order must deposit money in advance.
By order of the Treasurer.
O. H. P. FANT, Agent.
Sept 13, 1866 13

CHARLESTON ADVERTISEMENTS.
FOR PALATKA,
Fernandina, Jacksonville and all the Landings on the St. John's River.
SAVANNAH, GA.
THE SPLENDID STEAM SHIP
DICTATOR,
(1,000 TONS BURTEN.)
Captain Louis M. Coxetter,
ON and after the 26th October, this Fine Ship will sail from Southern Wharf, every Friday Night, at 10 o'clock, for the above places.
All Freight must be paid here by shippers.
For Freight or Passage, apply on board, or to Office of the Agency, 17 Vanderhorst's Wharf.
J. D. AIKEN & CO., Agents.
Oct 25, 1866 19

H. L. JEFFERS & CO.,
COTTON FACTORS
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
118 East Bay,
Charleston, S. C.
HENRY L. JEFFERS. WM. H. JEFFERS.
HAVING resumed the Cotton Factorage and Commission Business, carried on before the war by Cochran, Jeffers & Co., we hope, by energy, and careful attention to the interest of our friends, to merit a continuance of their patronage.
Charleston, S. C., Sept. 1, 1866. 19

ESTABLISHED 1854.
LENGNICK & SELL,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
MILLINERY, STRAW,
AND
FANCY GOODS,
Northeast Corner Meeting and Market Sts.,
CHARLESTON, S. C.
INVITE the Trade to examine their full and varied assortment of
BONNETS & HATS, trimmed and untrimmed,
RIBBONS, of all descriptions,
FLOWERS, FEATHERS,
DRESS CAPS, NETS,
VEILS, of newest designs,
RICHES LACES,
CRAPES, SILKS, CORSETS, SKIRTS, &c., &c.
Sept 20, 1866 14 4m

To the Public.
THE PAVILION HOTEL,
Corner Meeting and Hazel Streets,
CHARLESTON, S. C.
SO LONG AND ABLY CONDUCTED BY THE late H. L. BUTTERFIELD, will still be kept open for the accommodation of the Traveling Public.
And its former friends and patrons will find the usual accommodations and attentions bestowed upon them as formerly, and the public favors already so well established as THE HOTEL of the Traveling Merchants of the South, will by earnest efforts be faithfully preserved.
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HARDWARE!!
THE subscriber has received direct from England, and also from the northern manufacturers, a full supply of
HARDWARE, CUTLERY,
Fine Guns, Pistols,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.,
Made principally for his own sales, which he offers to merchants at low prices for Cash or City acceptances.
Planters and Farmers' orders filled with goods of the best quality, at low prices.
C. GRAVELEY,
62 East Bay, South of old Post Office,
Charleston, S. C.
Sept 27, 1866 16 2m

Geo. W. Williams & Co.,
FACTORS,
Church Street, Charleston,
WILLIAMS, TAYLOR & CO.,
Commission Merchants,
New York.
Liberal cash advances will be made on Cotton consigned to either House.
Oct 4, 1866 16 2m

MILLS HOUSE,
Corner Queen and Meeting Sts.,
Charleston, S. C.
THIS popular and well-known House is now fully open for the reception of visitors, having been furnished with new and elegant furniture throughout; and offers to the traveller accommodations and conveniences as a First Class Hotel, not to be equalled by any North or South. The patronage of the travelling public is respectfully solicited.
Rates of board, per day, \$4.00.
Rates of board per month as may be agreed on.
JOSEPH PURCELL, Proprietor.
Feb 15, 1866 35

HILBERS HOUSE,
(LATE MRS. DIBLES'),
284 KING STREET,
Between Wentworth and Hazel Streets—East Side,
Charleston, S. C.
Transient Board—\$2.50 per day.
Permanent Board—\$10 to \$15 per week.
Special attention paid to the accommodation of families and single gentlemen.
August 16, 1866 14

J. H. BAGGETT & CO.,
FACTORS,
10 Accommodation Wharf,
Charleston, S. C.
GIVE their attention exclusively to the sale of LONG AND SHORT STAPLE COTTON.
Liberal advances made on consignments.
Sept 6, 1866 12 8m