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BROWNVILLE, N. T.;

Solicits a share of public patronage, in the various branches of his profession, from the citizens of Brownville and vicinity.

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RESPECTFULLY tenders his professional services to the citizens of Nemaha county and adjoining counties, both in Nebraska and Missouri.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

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Queensware, Hardware,

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J. S. HORBACH & CO.,

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REAL ESTATE BROKERS,

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No 49 Main street, bet. Olive and Pine,

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Particular attention paid to manufacturing our finest Mole Hats.

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Omaha City, Aug. 30, 1856. v1n13-1y

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Office in the second story of Henry & Rootsnew building, nearly opposite the Western Exchange Bank, Farnham street.

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BEING permanently located in the Territory, we will give our entire time and attention to the practice of our profession, in all its branches. Matters in Litigation, Collections of Debts, Sales and Purchases of Real Estate, Selections of Lands, Locating of Land Warrants, and all other business entrusted to our management, will receive prompt and faithful attention.

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v1-n1 June 7, 1856.

Miscellaneous.

A Singular Suicide.

In a little town of Dover, which is situated on the Cumberland river, in Middle Tennessee, there lived, some time ago, an eccentric and intemperate old bachelor by the name of Kingston. On one occasion, when prostrated on his bed by excess, and suffering actually from those things, and horrors peculiar to his situation, he sent for one of his old boon companions to come and visit him. Shyrack, for that was the other's name, came duly into Kingston's room.

'What's the matter, Kingston?'

'Shyrack, shut the door.'

'The door is shut.'

'Lock it.'

'Eh?'

'Lock the door!'

'Certainly my dear boy.'

'Shyrack, I'm going to kill myself.'

'My dear fellow, let me entreat you not to do it.'

'I will.'

'No, no, oblige me, and don't.'

'Must do it.'

'Don't, it'll be the death of you.'

Shyrack was quite cool and jocose, little dreaming that so terrible an event was actually going to take place.

Kingston had, as the least eccentric act of his life, taken a chisel and mallet to bed with him, and now with a desperate resolve, he sejzed the extraordinary tools of death, and in an instant drove the blade of the chisel into his breast.

The hair rose upon Shirack's head and fright spread like a sheet of snow over his face.

'Kingston! Kingston! my dear fellow—you d——d rascal, Kingston! do you want to have me hung? Hold on! don't die till I call somebody.'

Shyrack ran to the door, and called like a madman to some people across the street.

'Hellow! here! say! you, mister! all you stupid people make haste over here or there will be a murder!

The people crowded into Kingston's house.

'Don't die, Kingston! Don't chisel that way! Don't die till you tell me who did it!'

'I did it myself,' said Kingston faintly.

'There, that'll do; now, my dear fellow you may die,' replied Shyrack, taking a long breath and wiping the perspiration from his forehead.

And Kingston did die, in that extraordinary manner, leaving his fate to be recorded as a suicide that was almost a murder.

Among many incidents of the New York Banks panic, the following characteristic one is related by the *Times:*

At the Sixpenny Savings Bank a little newsboy, with a jacket, and only one suspender (and that a string,) confronted the teller on Monday, and demanded to know whether 'she was all right'—meaning the institution—because if she was, he didn't mean to be scared, if everybody else was. He'd got forty-two cents salted down there, and he wanted his (the teller's) word of honor that it wouldn't spile. The teller of the bank assured him that his money was ready at any moment. 'Nuff said, 'tween gentlemen, but I don't want it,' rejoined the youth, and with a self complacent well satisfied air, walked out of the bank. 'Is she good?' cried two or three other newsboys who were awaiting the result at the door-step. 'Yes, siree!' he replied, 'as good as wheat;—Ketch *our* bank to stop! Yoos ought to seed the gold, I seed in the safe!' 'How much was they?' inquired a companion. 'Mor'n a house full!' was the prompt response. 'An' yoos don't ketch dis ere chile a makin' an old woman of myself, and drawin' out his money; I ain't so green—*I ain't!*'

Pick up de Stobe.

A correspondent writing from Washington, Pa., says:

"Like most other small towns we have a 'colored church,' where many amusing things are said, highly exhilerating to the spirits of the few who occasionally visit our 'Hayti' meeting house. Hayti is the name given to that part of the town where 'persons ob color' reside. One winter evening, when the colored preacher was in the midst of his sermon, making a most violent if not the most eloquent appeal to his hearers, one of the legs of the stove which had been loosened in some way, fell out, and as a natural consequence, the red hot stove tipped over at an angle alarmingly suggestive of fire. The audience of course commenced crowding out of the door like a flock of black sheep.—But the preacher was equal to the occasion. Addressing one of his prominent members, he cried out: "Pick up de stobe, brudder Dollah!—pick up de stobe! De Lor won't let it burn you! Only hab faith!' Poor brother Doler had unfortunately too much faith, and immediately seized it, all glowing as it was; but no sooner had his fingers come in contact with the fervent iron than he dropped it again, and dancing around on one foot, blowing his skinless fingers, exclaimed with all the energy which he could throw into his voice:—'De h—l he won't. De h—l he won't.'

The genius of man needs opposition to secure its full developement.

Kissing a Bachelor.

A correspondent relates the following very rich incident:

"We have a friend—a bachelor friend—very fond of the society of the ladies, but extremely modest and diffident withal. A few evenings since he went to make a call upon an acquaintance who had recently taken to himself a wife, young and beautiful, and, as a matter of course, overflowed with affection for her husband. Now, this lovely wife of a week, like all other young wives, could scarcely survive the brief absence of her husband for the discharge of his business; and, always, upon his return, met him upon the threshold and smothered him with kisses. It so happened, when our friend called, that the husband was absent, but was momentarily expected by the fond and anxious wife. She heard his footfall upon the step, and supposing it to be her husband rushed forth to meet him; and he had scarcely laid his hand on the bell-pull, before the door flew open, and his neck was encircled by a pair of white arms, and burning kisses fell thick and fast upon his lips and cheek. Here was a trying situation for a difficent man, and our friend came near fainting on the spot; but, fortunately, the lady discovered her mistake in season to prevent such a melancholy event, and he escaped from the house more dead than alive. The last we saw of him, he was leaning against a tree, fanning himself with his umbrella, in order to recover strength to regain his lodgings."

Extracts of Dictionary.

Author—A dealer in words who gets paid in his own coin.

Bargain—A ludicrous transaction, in which each party thinks he has cheated the other.

Belle—A beautiful but useless insect without wings, whose colors fade on being removed from the sunshine.

Critic—A large dog that goes unchained, and barks at everything he does not comprehend.

Distant Relations—People who imagine they have a claim to rob you if you are rich, and to insult you if you are poor.

Doctor—A man who kills you to-day, in order to save you from dying to-morrow.

Editor—A poor fellow, who every day is emptying his brain, in order that he may fill his stomach.

Fear—The shadow of hope.

Grave—An ugly hole in the ground, which lovers and poets wish they were in, but take uncommon pains to keep out of.

Heart—A rare article sometimes found in human beings. It is soon, however, destroyed by commerce with the world, or else becomes fatal to its possessor.

Honor—Shooting a friend whom you dearly love, through the head, in order to gain the praise of a few others whom you despise.

Housewifery—An ancient art, said to have been fashionable among girls and wives; now entirely out of use, or only practised by the lower orders.

Lawyer—A learned gentleman, who receives your money and keeps it himself.

Modesty—A beautiful flower that flourishes only in secret places.

My Dear—An expression said to be used by man and wife at the commencement of a quarrel.

Policeman—A man employed by the corporation to sleep in engine houses and theatres at six dollars per night.

Political Honesty—Previous Lexicographers have not noticed this word, treating it, we presume, altogether as fabulous—for definition see *self interest.*

Public Abuse—The mud with which every traveler is spattered on the road to distinction.

Rural Felicity—Potatoes, turnips and cabages.

Sensibility—A quality by which its possessor, in attempting to promote the happiness of others, looses his own.

State's Evidence—A wretch who is pardoned for being baser than his comrades.

Tongue—A little horse which is continually running away.

Wealth—The most respectable quality of man.

Abridgement of a sermon which took up an hour in delivering, from these words: "Man is born to trouble."

My friends the subject falls naturally to be divided into four heads:

1. Man's entrance into the world.
2. His progress through the world.
3. His exit from the world; and
4. Practical reflections from what may be said:

First, then:

1. Man came into the world naked and bare.
2. His progress through is trouble and care.
3. His exit from it none can tell where.
4. But if he does well here he'll be well there.

Now, I can say no more, my brethren, dear.

Should I preach on this subject from this time to next year. Amen.

Politeness is like an air-cushion—very soothing, though "there is nothing in it."

How to find out whether a woman is vain—don't look at her.

An Eccentric Baron.

There resides at a country mansion, called Hermansdorf, near Landshut in Bavaria, a queer old gentleman, named Baron Von Halberg, who, from his retired habits, and eccentricities, is known as the "Hermit of Ganting." Some idea may be formed of this anchorite's peculiarities and taste from the following dainty advertisement just published by him in the Courier of Nether Bavaria:—"My two female readers have just left me to look for lovers in the town, not being able to find the same in my old castle. I now want to find a female who well understands French and English, and is well instructed. Her business is to read to me, whereby she also will improve herself in languages. She will have a salary of 400 florins, and if she speaks Italian 100 more. She will likewise have substantial food, and the best Mocha coffee, three times per day, but no sugar—sugar spoils coffee. Married women and old maids need not apply. As to their religion, I say nothing, because each must seek to arrive in Heaven after his or her own fashion. I observe, moreover, that I dine at the same table with my female domestics, because all persons have equal rights."

London Newspaper.

The Public Ledger is the oldest daily paper in London, having been established in the year 1700; for several years it has only had between five and six hundred subscribers. The London Daily Commercial List has less than one hundred subscribers. The London press includes two-thirds of the newspaper circulation of the kingdom. It is a noble circumstance that the printing press in England had been at press nearly a hundred and fifty years before the inventive genius of that country produced a single newspaper. Yet, after the newspaper appeared in society, it was nearly a hundred years more before a daily paper was ventured upon.

Tortoise Shells.

What is called the tortoise shell is not, as is generally supposed, the bony covering or shield of the turtle, but only the scales which cover it. These are thirteen in number, eight of them flat and five a little curved. Of the flat ones, four are large, being sometimes a foot long and seven inches broad, semi-transparent, elegantly variegated with red, white, yellow and dark brown clouds, which are fully brought out when the shell is prepared and polished. The laminæ constitute the external coating of the solid or bony part of the shell, and a large turtle affords about eight pounds of them; the plates varying from an eighth to a quarter of an inch in thickness. The fishers do not kill turtles, did they do so they would in a few years exterminate them. When a turtle is caught, they fasten him, and cover his back with dry leaves or grass, to which they set fire. The heat causes the plates to separate at their joinst; a large knife is then carefully inserted horizontally beneath them, and the laminæ lifted from the back, care being taken not to injure the shell by too much heat, not to force it off until the heat has fully prepared it for separation. Many turtles die under this cruel operation, but instances are numerous in which they have been caught a second time, with the outer coating re-produced; but, in these cases, instead of thirteen pieces, it is a single piece.

The Dutchman and the Dandy.

An old plain-looking and plain-spoken Dutch farmer, from the vicinity of the Heidelberg, in pursuit of dinner the other day, dropped into a restaurant. Taking a seat alongside of a dandylissimo sort of a fellow—all perfume, moustaches, and shirt collar—our modest Mynheer ordered up his dinner.

'What will it be, sir?' asked white-apron.

'You got corn beef, hey?' said the Dutchman.

'Yes.'

'You got sourkrout, too, hey?'

'Oh, yes.'

'Vell, gif me some both.'

Off started whtte-apron on a keen jump and presently returned with the desired fodder. The sourkrout was smoking hot, and sent forth its peculiar flavor, evidently satisfactory to Mynheer's nasal organ, and *vice versa* to that of our dandy friand who, after the dish had been deposited on the table, and Mynheer was about commencing an attack upon it, exclaimed:

'I—a—say, my friend, a—are you going to eat that stuff?'

Mynheer turned slowly round, and looking at his interrogator with astonishment, exclaimed:

'Eat it! vy, of course I eat it!'

'Well,' said the dandy, '—a—would as lief devour a plate of guano!'

'Ah, well,' said Mynheer. pitching into the sourkrout with an evident relish, 'dat depents altogeder on how von vos prought up!'

Dandy looked kinder caved in, and we left with the opinion that Dutchy was one ahead

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Law is like prussic acid—a dangerous remedy and the smallest dose is generally sufficient.

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

Fun and Facts.

Promises are blossoms; deeds are fruit.

The actions of a man tell of what kind is, as do the fruit of a tree.

Make other men's shipwrecks your seamarks.

Gaming is the child of Avarice, and the father of Despair,

To the wicked the virtues of other men are always objects of terror.

God gives a ready passport at any gate except that of Heaven.

Handsome Circassian girls are selling at Constantinople at $25.

Life consists not in mere existence, but in the well-spending of our time,

What is more beautiful and poetical than the child's idea of ice—'Water gone to sleep.'

A young lady being told that her lover was suddenly killed, exclaimed: 'O! that splendid gold watch of his!—give me that—give me something to remember him by!'

'Charlie,' said a young lady to her lover, 'there is nothing interesting in the paper to-day, is there, dear?'

'No, love, but I hope there will, one day, when we both shall be interested.'

The young lady blushed assent.

An affectionate mother in Syracuse is feeding her daughter on pickles, to prevent her being eaten up by the young men, who call her 'too sweet to live.' You see, boys, what comes of it.

'Mr. Jones, don't you think marriage is a means of grace?' 'Certainly, anything is a means of grace that leads to repentance. Scene closes with a broom handle,

An excited member once announced to the Connecticut Legislature, a steamboat explosion as follows:—

'Spister Meaker and ledgers of the membismature, the Elliver Ollsworth has biled her buster.'

A Vermonter crossing the Atlantic, in the height of a gale which lasted sixty hours, and looked dangerous, came on deck and coolly remarked, 'that it was lucky he did not any stock in the company which had insured the steamer.'

An Irishman, in a sketch of his life, says 'he ran away early from his father because he discovered he was only his uncle.'—Another in writing a biography of Robespierre, concluded with the following sentence 'This extraordinary man left no children behind him, except his brother, who was killed at the same time!'

If you want to see a black squall, just look at a negro baby attacked with the colic.

If honest men are the salt of the earth, pretty girls may be said to be the sugar.

What kind of bands do the young ladies like best? Has-bands, to be sure.

Why are Shanghai roosters like early spring flowers? Because they are crowcusses.

A young ladies' boarding school is like a garden hot-bed. The tenderest plants grow there, but the foundation is rotten.

'Though lost to sight to memory dear,' as the maid said to her lover, when his face was buried in beard and whiskers.

An artist painted a cow and a cabbage so natural that they had to be separated—the cow having commenced eating the cabbage.

Three things as good as their betters—dirty water to extinguish fire, a homely wife to a blind man, and a wooden sword to a coward.

The man who couldn't 'trust his feelings' is supposed to do business strictly on the cash principle.

It was observed of a deceased lawyer, that he left but few effects. 'No wonder,' said a wag, 'he had but few causes.'

'Do you drink *hail* in America?'—asked a cockney. 'Hail, no,—but we drink *thunder and lightning*, said the Yankee.

When the heart is out of tune the tongue seldom goes right.

Speak to old men of the past—to the middle-aged of the present—and to the young of the future.

What is the difference between a butcher and a gay young lady? The former kills to dress, whilst the latter dresses to kill.

The best catch at dice is not to play.

'Mr. Smith, the hogs are getting into your corn-field.' 'Never mind, Billy, I am sleepy; corn won't hurt 'em.'

An old Greenland seaman said he could readily believe that crocodiles shed jears, for he had often seen whales blubber.

Simpson says the ladies do not set their caps for the gentlemen any more; they spread their hoops.

Food for Thinkers.

Self Education.

How is acquaintance with science to be obtained by men who have but a small amount of leisure, a scant supply of books, no apparatus worthy of the name, and the opportunities of attending lectures few and rare? We have no teachers, no lectures, no apparatus, you will say. Now in answer to this, I wish to place before you a great truth, which somehow seems to have been overlooked in our educational discussions. It is this, that learning must come from within, not from without—that listening to a lecture is not learning—that looking at a man making experiments does not teach you to manipulate in science. Only think of a man learning to make shoes, or to sing or to play on a musical instrument, by attending lectures on shoemaking or music. He who wishes to mount, must gird up the loins of his mind. Lectures or teachers are very well to keep idle boys to their work and to stimulate the indolent. All mental improvement resolves itself ultimately into self-improvement. Be assured that the differences between the facilities which the rich and poor have for acquiring knowledge are not as great as is commonly imagined, especially in this country where a man can procure for a few shillings the very best manuals and text-books in almost any branch of literature or science. He need not even go to that expense; he may join an institution such as this, and have the use of all the books for a few pences. You may buy a Euclid for a shilling, an arithmetic for the same, a treatise on chemistry for a couple of shillings. These are your best teachers. Your books will not tire in giving you information.; they will repeat it for you again and again. If you have misunderstood any thing they have said, or are slow to comprehend them, they will wait patiently for you until you are ready to proceed with them. They will put up with your ill-humor, they will bear with your mistakes, and it will cost you but little to keep them. But, you will say, though books are cheap, and may be easily procured, we have no apparatus, and apparatus are scarce and dear, beyond the means of the poor man to obtain. Now, here is another error. There is a great deal too much talk about apparatus for teaching science, and the necessity there is that the State should manufacture it, and supply it at a cheap rate to schools and institutions like this. A man who is eager to learn—who is determined to know his subject—may, if he be at all handy, or with the assistance of the village carpenter or blacksmith, extemporize his apparatus. Polished mohogany, and extensive brass work and complicated adjustments, are not at all essential. It is told of the celebrated philosopher, Dr. Wollaston, the inventor of the method of rendering platinum malleable, that when a continental chemist of some celebrity called on him and expressed a wish to be shown over the laboratories in which science had been enriched by so many important discoveries, the doctor took him into a little study, and pointing to an old tea-tray on the table, with a few watch glasses, test papers, a small balance, and a blowpipe on it, said, "There is all the laboratory that I have.—*Rev. Dr. Booth at the Lewes Mechanics' Institution.*

Discipline of the Mind.

It is not by mere study, by mere accumulation of knowledge, that you can hope for eminence. Mental discipline, the quickening of your apprehension, the strengthening of your memory, the forming of a sound, rapid and discriminating judgment, are of even more importance than the store of learning. Practice the economy of time. Consider time, like the faculties of your mind, a precious estate; that every moment of it well applied is put to an exhorbitant interest. The zest of amusement itself, and the successful result of application, depend in a general measure upon the economy of time. Estimate also the force of habit. Exercise a constant and unremitting vigilance over acquirement of habit, in matters that are apparently of indifference, and perhaps are really so, independent of the habits that they engender. It is by the neglect of such trifles that bad habits are acquired, and that the mind, by total negligence and procrastination in matters of small account, but frequent occurrence—matters of which the world takes no notice, becomes accustomed to the same defects in matters of high importance. By motives yet more urgent, by higher and purer aspirations, by the duty of obedience to the will of God, by the awful account you will have to render, not merely of mere actions, but of faculties entrusted to you for improvement—by all these high arguments, do I conjure you "so to number your days that you may apply your heart unto that wisdom which, directing your ambition to the noble end of benefitting mankind, and teaching human humble reliance on the merits and on the mercy of your Redeemer, may support you in the "time of your health," and in the "hour of death, and in the day of judgment," may comfort you with the hope of deliverance.—*Sir Robert Peel.*

General observations drawn from particulars. are the jewels of knowledge, comprehending great store in a little room; but they are therefore to be made with the greatest care and caution, lest, if we take counterfeit for true, our shame will be the greater, when our stock comes to a severe scrutiny.