

Learning to Write.

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The Italian Brigands.

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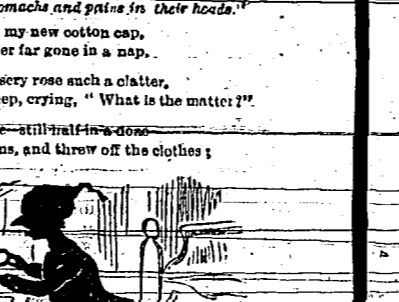
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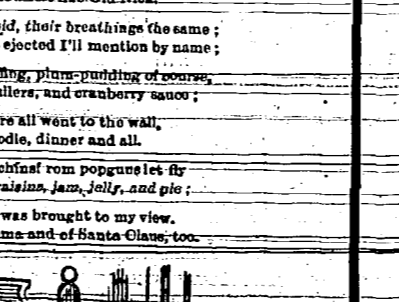
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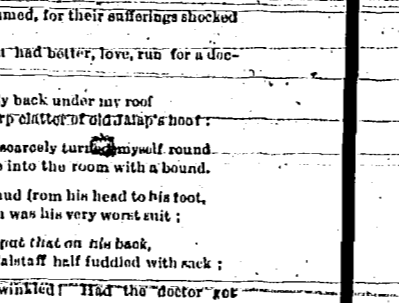
Illustrated by D. SCATTHROOD. 'Twas the night after Christmas, when all through the land every soul was abed, and still as a monk.



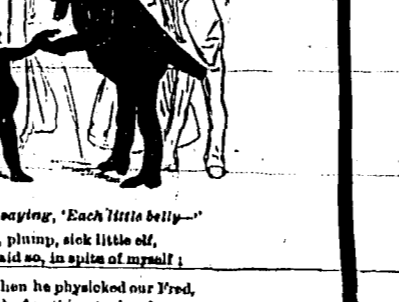
With very full stomachs and pain in their heads. I was dozing away in my new cotton cap. And Nancy was rather far gone in a nap.



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THE ITEM.

H. E. BOWLE, M. D. Editor & Proprietor. SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1872. HAMMONTON ATLANTIC CO., N. J.

The legislative muddle of Louisiana... The Fire King seems to reign supreme... The Postal Telegraph bill was introduced by Mr. Bamsey.

The French Assembly, before adjourning last Saturday, passed the bill restoring to the Orleans princess their confiscated property... On Tuesday morning, at 4 10 a fire was discovered in the building containing Barnum's Museum.

CONGRESS.

The Postal Telegraph bill was introduced by Mr. Bamsey. The House on Friday, the 20th inst., a bill was introduced by Mr. Porter, of Va., proposing a constitutional amendment, making the President, Vice-President and Senators, of the United States elective by a direct vote of the people.

The Legislature.

The State Gazette has the following reference to the next Legislature: It is expected that the next session of the Legislature will be one of more than ordinary activity.

Local Advertisements

Don't READ WORD OF THIS! A large stock of CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS, SPOKES, FELLOES, HUBS, &c. PUTTY & GLASS, PAINTS & OILS, GORDAGE, all kinds, and TINWARE. Don't believe a word of this!

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HAMMONTON, N. J. SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1872. TOWN DIRECTORY.

SABATH SERVICES. Rev. E. Austin, Services at 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School 12 to 1. Rev. Geo. Kenyon, D. D. Services at 10 A. M. Sunday School from 12 to 1.

Local Advertisements

Christmas Eve at Union Hill was a happy time. The hall was comfortably filled with appreciating men and women, and many children, to witness the travesty arranged by one of our young ladies.

Local Advertisements

Hammoniton Business Cards. M. H. RANDALL, M. D. Dentist. DR. D. C. STOOKING, DENTIST. EDWARD NORTH, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Local Advertisements

ALFRED M. STRINGER, Prop'r. The Little Store Around The Corner. Grain, Flour and Feed Store. In Fay's New Building, Railroad Avenue. Cheap for Cash!

Local Advertisements

Anderson Bros. One Price Only! ANDERSON BROS. would respectfully invite the attention of the public to their Stock of Staple and Fancy DRY GOODS!

Local Advertisements

The Grocery Department. FLOUR AND FEED. CROCKERY AND EARTHENWARE. WHEELER & WILSON'S Sewing Machine.

Medical Advertisements.

Ayer's Hair Vigor,

For restoring to Gray Hair its natural Vitality and Color.



A dressing which is at once agreeable, healthy, and effectual for preserving the hair. It soon restores faded or gray hair to its original color, with the gloss and freshness of youth. Thin hair is thickened, fallen hair checked, and baldness often, though not always, cured by its use.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills,

For all the purposes of a Laxative Medicine.



Perhaps no one medicine is so universally required by everybody as a cathartic, nor was ever any medicine so generally used as Ayer's Cathartic Pills. It is a safe and healthy medicine, and is adapted to all ages, and in all climates.

For Biliousness or Indigestion, Effortless and safe. For Constipation, Effortless and safe. For Headache, Effortless and safe. For Neuralgia, Effortless and safe.

THE GERMANIA Mutual Fire INSURANCE COMPANY Of Newark, N. J. No. 762 Broad Street, Capital - \$100,000.

Philadelphia Advertisements.

FARMERS, SAVE LABOR

Make the most of your Land by using the BEST MANURE!

Nesbit, the great Chemical Agriculturist, says that 1 TON of Guano is equal to 33 Tons of barn-yard manure.

WEST INDIA GUANO

ANALYSIS: Moisture 13.67, Salts of Ammonia 30, Organic Matter 22.05, Phosphate of Lime 23.08, Soda and Potash Salts 10.20.

Keystone Mill Company's Prepared Wheat

AND Sugar of Milk. A FARMACEUTICAL FOOD FOR INVALIDS AND INFANTS.

Sugar of Milk. [LACTIN] Is a crystallized sugar, obtained from the whey of cow's milk by evaporation. It is manufactured largely in Switzerland and the Bavarian Alps as an article of food and for medicinal purposes.

Steam Mill and Lumber Advertisement.

MILL WORK OF ALL KINDS AT LOWEST PRICE. John H. Starr, Jr. & Co., No. 25 Market St., New Jersey.

Camden & Atlantic R. R.

Monday, Oct. 1, 1872. DOWN TRAINS. Table with columns for Train, Leave, Arrive, and Fare.

Philadelphia Advertisements.

ALLEN'S Dried and Ground FISH GUANO, Contains 18.72 per cent of Ammonia.

Super Phosphate of Lime. J. J. ALLEN, No. 4 South Delaware Avenue, PHILADELPHIA.

WHEELER AND WILSON'S IMPROVED Family Sewing Machines.

BUY THE BEST. BUCKEYE MOWER & SELF-RAKING REAPER. MANUFACTURED BY ADRIANCE, PLATT & CO.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE RELIANCE WRINGER. Have had unusual opportunities of ascertaining precisely what is wanted, and of producing a perfect Machine.

PROVIDENCE. A GREAT IMPROVEMENT. It saves Labor. It saves Time. It wrings Faster than by Hand.

Providence Tool Co., Providence, R. I. Agency - 11 Warren Street, N. Y. City.

New Jersey Southern R. R.

Table with columns for Train, Leave, Arrive, and Fare. Includes routes like New York to Philadelphia.

New Jersey Chemical Co.

AMMONIATED Super Phosphate. The New Jersey Chemical Company having purchased the Chemical Works late of Potts & Klotz, are now manufacturing Ammoniated Super-Phosphate.

AGENTS WANTED FOR

LONDON ILLUSTRATED. BY D. J. KIRWAN, the well-known Journalist. THE VERY LARGEST COMMISSIONS PAID.

Excelsior Fur Emporium.

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