



The Smack in School.

A district school not far away, "The Smack in School" was thronged with its wonted no-

considerable anxiety and alarm. The quick eye of the hunter detected in an instant the alarm his presence had

farm, the farmer was so drunk that he had to be helped out of the wagon. It was very late, but the wife and daughter

The kettle was boiling, and he made a cup of tea and gave it to her to drink. Then he said: "Now, young lady, I know not what

Hunter did not drink any more or quarrel with any one. When pressed for an explanation, he simply replied: "I have

Poor Jack's Tribulations. A Shanghai crew from New York, composed of Tailors, Shoemakers, and Grocers, being

Saying and Having. Either a man must be content with poverty all his life, or he be willing to

A Frightful Plague. The yellow fever has been confined to certain localities, and rich and poor have suffered alike, says a letter

Hints about Dresses. A single row of trimming straight down the middle of the front breadth

A Beautiful Incident. The intelligent horse, says the Zephyr, Field and Farm, very often sympathizes with animal distress.

THE WILD HUNTER.

It is ten years ago (said Mr. Bolden) and at that time the country back from the Missouri was not much settled.

Mr. Thompson, who had once been a kind husband, an indulgent father, and a man of good habits, disappointed

Was this indeed, the Wild Hunter of the Blue, about whom some terrible

Facts and Fancies. A prudent gentleman, unwilling to accuse a neighbor of lying, said he used

The discussion of Paris green as a destroyer of cotton caterpillars has brought out the fact that it is sure

There is at present a fierce struggle waged in New York between the Shipping Commissioners and the Shipowners

Dreadful Fall Down a Shaft. The Rockville Republican relates an escape from death almost incredible

Nelson Whitmarsh and Patrick Condon are employed in the shaft of the Union Coal Company, of La Salle, Ill.

White silk tabliers, wrought all over with "white jet," frosty-looking white beads—are to be used for black dresses

A Struggle with a Devil Fish. Mr. Charles B. Brainerd, of Boston, in writing to the Scientific American

Near to where Mr. Thompson had settled on the Blue lived a wild young man, who had taken for himself the name of the Wild Trapper of the Blue.

Among the persons who visited Cook's was a person called Long Ned, a flashy-dressed individual, an ex-estrangee

Mary had stood perfectly still, little caring what became of her; but the sight of the Indians had changed her

The Swedish colony in Maine is prospering. This year they gather the harvest of 1,000 acres of crops.

Both towers of the East River Bridge are now finished to the roadway. They are 110 feet high, and the main

Queer things happen in newspaper columns, many pretty women and a song or two. The reporter had an hour or two

Caring for a Passenger. A well-known Philadelphia man went to Pittsburgh, a few days ago, and when

Large Cities. Philadelphia is the twelfth city of the world in the number of its inhabitants

Pay as You Go. Southern papers are decanting on the ruin to our policy getting in debt

Swindling Advertisements. The editor of the Franklin Register, in giving his reasons for rejecting a

It was more than hinted that he was the principal or accessory in many of the thefts, and if he were so minded,

In one hour the last horse was gone, and Mr. Thompson rose from his chair

For a moment she knew not what to say, then, summoning courage, she replied: "It is—Mary Thompson—who wants

San Diego, Cal., is sadly in need of a Bergh. A favorite pastime there at present is to place a mouse and a tar-

A Scalp Saved. A. B. Meacham has been lecturing in San Francisco for the purpose of doing

A Good Deed. It is related that upon a certain occasion, when Commodore

The Stakes Case. Two years ago Edward S. Stokes shot and killed James Fick, Jr., at the Grand Central Hotel, in New York.

An Uncle lost in his will eleven silver spoons to his nephew, adding, "If I have not left him the dozen, he knows the reason." The fact was the nephew had some time before stolen it.

It is a well-known Philadelphia man went to Pittsburgh, a few days ago, and when he entered the sleeping car he thought

Philadelphia is the twelfth city of the world in the number of its inhabitants, and the first in the number of conventions

# THE ITEM.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1873.

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The Public Schools of Washington are at present crowded to excess, owing to the fact that their efficiency is now very generally acknowledged by our old citizens, who have been slow to accept the new order of things. The splendid new Grammar Schools lately completed, the establishment of a Girls' High School or Normal school, and the one hundred and thirty pupils in the Normal school, are the fruits of the public school system. Hence the rush for more seats than can be readily provided. It is a little singular, however, that this popularity, coming as it does, from the heels of the erection of a Normal on High school for white and for colored females and a colored boys' High School, that there should be a continued opposition to the creation of a boys' high school for whites. Experience has fully shown that the influence of a High school extends through all the grades of public schools down to the primary school, and the secret of the opposition to it here can, perhaps, be found in the special interest of our private finishing schools on the old plan. This is all wrong.

The annual report of the Controller of the District of Columbia has just been published, and states the total indebtedness of the District at \$9,502,251 18, including the \$4,000,000 loan and the old debt of the cities of Washington and Georgetown. Starting from a deficiency, as charged by some of the Washington correspondents, there is shown to be a surplus of \$308,388 02 on the appropriation of the last Legislature. This is agreeable to our people.

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**Tuesday's Work.**  
The Republican victory in our State is complete. In our own county, we have done nobly, considering the little interest was felt in the election here. In Hammonton but little more than half the voters went to the polls, yet we gave Conover 75 and Adams 90 majority. The latter running ahead of his ticket. The vote stood thus: Ober, Republican, for Assembly, 125; Adams, Republican, for Sheriff, 135; Abbott, Democrat, for Assembly, 50; Frambles, Democrat, for Sheriff, 45. Whole vote, 185.

There was considerable splitting, sticking, and scratching. Many who were Liberals last fall voted the straight Republican ticket, and a few voted the full Democratic ticket, and one or two did some scratching. One Liberal who voted the Democratic ticket has always been a strong Republican until last fall. Disappointment at not being successful in the election of Horace Greeley, caused him to turn his back on his political friends, and he voted the full Democratic ticket. He thought he had it so badly that he was not detected, but when he was made aware that it was known how he had voted, he blushed like a maiden. And we have no doubt he felt ashamed of it.

**Nov. Elections.**  
Of the States which held their elections last Tuesday, all the Northern ones have gone Republican except New York and Wisconsin. The vote was tight in all. The Republicans staying at home save the Democrats a great gain everywhere. New Jersey has lost nothing. Our Legislature will remain Republican.

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Is the Earth Hollow?

A reporter has been interviewing a scientist who believes that the earth is hollow. He says that the earth is hollow, and that the hollow is a vast cavity within the earth's surface...

Battle Between a Mouse and a Tarantula.

Three or four hours after the battle between the tarantula and the scorpion, the tarantula was stirred up and found to be as sprightly as ever, to all appearances having not been affected by the scorpion. A sprightly little mouse was put into the bottle, and as he entered the tarantula bristled up...

Nearly 40 Miles Robbery.

Nearly 40 miles robbery of the village of Oakhill, on the west bank of the Hudson, resides Abraham Post, a worthy, well-to-do farmer. At about 10 o'clock on a few days ago, Post and his wife and daughter (the latter about twenty-two years of age), his son Edward, and their hired man, an Irishman, were quietly sitting at supper...

Farm, Garden and Household.

Treatment of an Orchard. L. O. Layton, Amity, N. Y., writes: "I have a beautiful young orchard of apple-trees, which appear as fine and as healthy as any I have ever seen. The temperature will be about seventy degrees until fermentation ceases; then bang up tight and let it rest for a month, and let it stand where the temperature is quiet; the log will be drawn off, and the water returned to it, adding one pound of good raisins, and if it does not seem sweet enough two pounds of sugar may be added to the water. It is necessary to do this depends on the quality and quantity of the grapes. The wine should remain undisturbed until the keg is wanted the next season, when it may be bottled for use."

The Hop Trade.

Just now, says a hop circular, the hop trade is attracting the attention of producers. Hops are held at 45 to 60 cents in the hop districts. Buyers are offering 40 to 45 cents. The foreign market has improved, and the crop abroad is much better than it was supposed it would be a month ago. California hops have sold in this market at 60 cents per cwt. but this quality is superior. Foreign hops are being imported, and domestic buyers are only taking at the present prices of holders, just what they are compelled to keep things moving. The main anxiety of the grower is to sell his produce whenever they can make a good profit on the capital and labor invested in a crop by doing so. We have known quite as much money to be made in the hop trade by holding out after a fair offer had been made as by "letting go." Hops at 45 to 50 cents per pound ought to yield the farmer profit enough, and the wise man will not hold them long after receiving an offer of such prices.

Persons who condemn corn-fodder as "institutions" are invited by Paschal Morris, of the Practical Farmer, to consider the way of a practical dairyman, whose butter is excelled by no other in Philadelphia market, and who "pretty much sustained fifty-eight cows on sowed corn from the middle of July to the middle of October, and that, too, the product of three days."

There is no Death.

There is no Death. If it be true that Nature abhors a vacuum, it is equally true that the Great Creator abhors death and glories in life. He will not permit any thing to die in vain. He will not permit any thing to be lost. He will not permit any thing to be destroyed. He will not permit any thing to be wasted. He will not permit any thing to be thrown away. He will not permit any thing to be left behind. He will not permit any thing to be forgotten. He will not permit any thing to be denied. He will not permit any thing to be doubted. He will not permit any thing to be questioned. He will not permit any thing to be challenged. He will not permit any thing to be contested. He will not permit any thing to be disputed. He will not permit any thing to be denied. He will not permit any thing to be doubted. He will not permit any thing to be questioned. He will not permit any thing to be challenged. He will not permit any thing to be contested. He will not permit any thing to be disputed.

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