

### Reuben and Phoebe.

Now Reuben was a nice young man, As any in the town; And Phoebe loved him very dear; But on account of his being obliged to work for a living, he never could make himself agreeable to old Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Her parents were resolved

Another she should wed—

A rich old miser in the place;

And old Brown frequently declared, that rather than have his daughter marry Reuben White, he'd sooner knock her on the head.

But Phoebe's heart was brave and strong,

She found no parent's favor;

And as for Reuben White so bold,

He has been heard to say more than fifty times that, with the exception of Phoebe, he didn't care a cent for all the race of Browns.

Now Phoebe Brown and Reuben White

Determined they would marry;

Three weeks ago Tuesday night.

They started for old parson Webster's, determined to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony, though it was tremendous dark, and rained like Old Harry.

But Captain Brown was wide awake;

He loaded up his gun;

And then pursued the loving pair.

He overtook 'em when they'd got about half way to the parson's; and then Reuben and Phoebe started to run.

Old Brown then took a deadly aim

Toward young Reuben's head,

But oh! 'twas a bleeding shame,

He made a mistake, and shot his only daughter, and had the unspeakable anguish of seeing her drop down sense dead.

Then anguish filled young Reuben's heart,

And vengeance crazed his brain;

He drew an awful jack-knife out,

And plunged it into Brown about fifty or sixty times, so that it was very doubtful about his coming to again.

The long drop from Reuben's eyes

In torrents poured down;

He yielded up the ghost and died;

And this melancholy, heart-rending matter terminates the history of Reuben, Phoebe, and likewise old Captain Brown.

The Congressional Prize Ring.

The forcible mode in which things are conducted in the Parliament of the United States, and the personal encounters which sometimes follow them, are believed by the present generation to be novelties, and only recently brought to a culminating point by Hon. S. Brooks' life preserver, upon the head, face, eyes and body of Senator Charles Sumner. This (says the Household Words) is a mistake. "Fifty years ago, exciting debates often ended in a regular stand-up fight in the lobby of the House of Representatives. The combatants stripped, a ring was formed, battle-axes appointed, and the battle fought and reported quite in the style of Madsey Hurst and Bell's Life in London. In corroboration of this statement, we present to our readers the following paragraph, copied from the New York Evening Post of Dec. 13th, 1855, into the Annual Register for 1856.

"On Friday last, the well known Leib, one of the representatives of Pennsylvania, and the leader of the Duane party, and J. H. Nichols one of the representatives of Maryland, met in the Congress lobby about 1 o'clock, when Leib immediately called Nichols a liar; and thereupon immediately commenced one of the best fought battles recorded in the annals of Congressional pugilism. The fight continued till the sixty fourth round, when Leib had received such blows as deterred him from again facing his man. He protracted the fight, falling after making a feeble hit. In the round which ended the fight, those who looked him advised him to resign, which he did after a combat of one hour and seventeen minutes. The combatants were both very much beaten."—*London Weekly Chronicle*.

**LOSSES OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE CHINEA.—** The Moniteur publishes a complete list of the losses of the French army in the East, which, it states, is compiled from returns sent to the War Department. The list includes all losses, from the disembarkation of the troops in Turkey to the signing of the treaty of peace in Paris.—The return includes the several staff and health officers, and the almoners and pass-tors attached to the expedition.

The results are as follows:

General Staff Officers	14
Staff Officers	20
Military Intendents	5
Officers	1,284
Non-Commissioned Officers	4,402
Privates	56,803

A most formidable list of killed. The wounded are not mentioned, but it is considerably less than has generally been represented. Never before since the game of war began was there so terrible a slaughter for such trifling cause, and with so small a gain.

**THREE TIMES MARRIED!**—A Mr. Geo. Garrison was brought before the police court of Albany on a charge of bigamy, in having married three wives. But on examination of the case it appears that the statute of limitation, three years, had expired before the complaint was made.—Second—there was no bigamy between the marriage of the first and third, because the first wife died before the date of the third marriage. Third, there was no bigamy between the second and third wife, because the marriage of the second wife was void, because it was consummated while his first wife was still living. So Mr. Garrison, although three times married, was not legally guilty of bigamy, and was discharged.

**A GOOD ONE.**—The following is reported to us as having happened in Bristol county:

A witty clergyman being accosted by an old acquaintance of the name of Cobb, replied, "I don't know you sir." "My name is Cobb," rejoined the man, who was about half seas over. "Ah, sir," replied the clergymen, "you have so much care on you I didn't see the cob."

### Submarine Blasting.

A ridge of hard concrete, near Governor's Island, in the harbor of New York, is now undergoing demolition, by the simple process of submarine blasting without boring. The ridge—named Diamond Reef—is 300 feet long and 40 wide, the water is 16 feet deep at its low water; the reef is to be reduced 6 feet, leaving 22 feet depth of water, at low tide.

The contract, to reduce it was taken by Messrs. Husted & Kroehl for \$85,000, and there is every prospect of these contractors accomplishing their object, with promptitude and profit. Large tin cannisters attached to the lower ends of strong pointed stakes, and filled with powder, are sunk to rest on the face of the reef, and are discharged with a galvanic battery. The weight of the experimenting column of water, when the blast is discharged, assists to make the expansive force of the powder act powerfully on the reef in a downward direction, and laterally, thereby riving and disintegrating it with rapidity. Some of our contemporaries call this the "Paisley Blast," instead of the Paisley—after Col. Paisley, who first applied it some years since to remove concrete shoals in the river Thames. None. Maillifert first introduced it, we believe into the country, and he obtained a patent for it; although, as we then pointed out, the invention was quite old.—This system of submarine blasting is one of the most useful inventions ever discovered, for removing concrete shoals in navigable rivers and harbors—it's value is but beginning to be properly appreciated,—*Scientific American*.

**RELIGION AND POLITICS.**—If politics are so bad that religious men and ministers can not mingle in them without detriment to themselves and their holy cause, there is so much the more reason for their reformatory work. Most of those persons who are shocked that ministers will occasionally "preach politics," or apply great religious principles to the administration of the government, or because clergymen manifest an interest in moral and religious questions upon which political parties are also divided, are usually persons of very little religion or very bad politics—commonly both. Men whose policies will not bear the test of Christian principles are very apt to scoff at any suggestion of comparison; and men whose religion is a house-up Sabbath idol, never to be thought of or regarded on a week day, or applied to any of the business of life, undoubtedly will have a holy horror of making religion a practical thing.—*Life Illustrated*.

**SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.**—We visited a few days ago a spot rendered somewhat memorable as having been the scene of a duel between two of Kentucky's chivalrous sons. The position of the duelists, about eighteen paces, was marked by two trees, one of which bears the initials of one of the party's entire name cut into the bark; the other bears only the initial of the last name of the other party. The tree under which the party stood who was killed is dead, having, as we are credibly informed, gradually decayed from that time. The other tree is singularly typical of the condition of the surviving party, who is now an inmate of a lunatic asylum, standing, as it does, with the lower branches full of life and verdure, while its top is dead and leafless.—*Georgetown (D. C.) Journal*.

**Wm. C. DEMENT & CO.** At their old stand, opposite the Land Office, are now receiving per bark "Ork" and birch "Halcyon," the following goods:

150 boxes sperm and adamanite candles, 150 large dried apples and peaches,

100 lbs. and lbs. bobs crushed sugar, 500 cases pencils,

30 " fresh peaches, 30 " pie fruits,

19 tons G. A. salt, 100 lbs. and lbs. candle wax,

CROCKERY & GLASSWARE: 500 do cups and saucers, 200 " plates,

200 " tumblers, 200 " water pitchers,

Sugar bowls, tea-pots, &c., &c.

OILS & PAINTS: 200 kegs pure lead,

200 gals lined oil,

100 gals turpentine,

50 gals varnish,

300 gals lamp oil,

100 gals lard, " DRY GOODS: 6000 yds brown sheeting,

5000 " prints,

Blacked cottons, bed ticking, &c., &c.,

all of which will be sold as low as they can be purchased of any other house in Oregon City, may 17

**Furniture.** THE subscriber has just received a large supply of FURNITURE of all descriptions, consisting in part as follows:

Sofas, mahogany and black walnut; Chamber sets;

Bureau's, with or without marble tops; Office desks;

Rocking chairs, stuffed in hair, carpet, and with cane and wood seats;

Dining chairs, cane and wood seats;

Office chairs, do, do, do

Children's do, high dining and rocking;

Beds, various kinds;

Tables, center, card, and dining;

Writing desks;

Sidewards;

Parlor chairs;

Settees;

Reading, toilet, and work tables;

Looking glasses;

Mattresses, hair, moss, and wool;

Window shades;

Paper hangings, of every style;

Quilts; Chinese matting; dud lamps, and burning fluid; with a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.

Persons wishing to purchase will please call and examine for themselves.

All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods.

THOS. JOHNSON, March 22, 1856. 49ft

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G. COLLIER ROBBINS has now on hand the finest assortment of JEWELRY ever brought to Oregon. The assortment consists in part of the following articles:

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Ladies' watches, in enameled cases,

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Card cases, mantel ornaments,

Card books, pearl oyster,

Gold guard, vest, and lob chain,

Sleeve buttons, shirt studs,

Ladies' brooches,

and a variety of other goods too numerous to mention.

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Alison's Hist. of Europe, American Institutions, Silliman's do, Laws of the Signers, Democracy in America, Babylon and Nineveh, Land and Lee, "Deck and Port," "Sea and Sailor," "Ship and Shore,"

Three Years in Calif., Home Cyclopaedia, Cyc. of Literature, Boehm's Fam. Phys'n, Letterer on St'm Engine, Manual of Fine Arts, Choctaw Biography, Travels in Peru, Persian Antiquities, Polar Regions, Mahan's Philosophy, A variety of Poets,

500 copies of Sanders' Speller, Readers, 250 " McGuffey's do, Webster's Dictionaries, Davies' Algebra, Newman's Rhetoric, Day's do, Parley's Univ. History, Surveying, Geodetic Plot, U. S. Monteith's Geography, "Little Speaker," Thompson's do, N. American Speaker.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

CHARLES POPE, Jr. Oregon City, August 18, 1855.

**New Jeweller.**

HAVING employed one of the best Working

Jewelers on the Pacific coast, I am now

fully prepared to manufacture every description of Jewelry.

Masonic Jewelry, Odd Fellows' Pins, Rings, &c., made to order.

Engraving neatly done.

Call and see specimens of work.

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**Egyptian Wheat.**

A FEW bushels for sale by

CHARLES POPE, Jr. Oregon City, April 21, 1855.

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