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10 Bales, B. C. Yarns assorted numbers, for
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A Fine Set of Teeth for 25 Cents.
White Teeth, Foul Breath, Healthy Gums.

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2000 LBS prime live geese Feathers, for sale
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A LARGE assortment of the best made
Frock and Dress coats, warranted to fit.

ADAMS MERINO, and Silk Vests, for sale by
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FRESH BEAT RICE,
WHOLE Half and Small Rice in sacks and half
casks, a fine article for retailers, for sale by
F. J. LORD & CO.

10-4 LANCASTER 11-4 and sr
sadies Quilla, for sale by
J. S. WILLIAMS.

BOY'S CLOTHING.
WE have just received from our manufactory, a
good assortment of Cloaks, Overcoats, Jackets,
Pants and small suits for boys.

AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER,
LUMBER, AND NAVAL STORES.
THE Subscriber respectfully announces to his
friends and the public in general, that he will
receive orders for the sale of Timber, Lumber, and
Naval Stores, and solicits a share of the public
patronage.

NEW HULLED
BUCKWHEAT, in bags and kegs, for sale by
CARROLL & FENNELL.

GLUE.
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality
for Distillers. For sale by
DEROSSET & BROWN.

SPRIT BARRELS.
A Good supply of empty Barrels. For sale low
in lots to suit purchasers, by
DEROSSET & BROWN.

BLACK EYE PEAS.
100 HUSHELS, Black Eye Peas. For sale by
J. & W. L. McGARY.

BANK CHECKS.
CHECKS on the several Banks in this place,
bound in Books, and in sheets, for sale at the
Commercial Office.

CIDER.
5 bbls. pure Cider, low. For sale by
CARROLL & FENNELL.

TO RENT OR LEASE
THE SUBSCRIBER offers to rent or lease the
Stores and Warehouses, now occupied by himself
together with a Turpentine Distillery, with all the
fixtures in first rate order.

ON HAND,
AT the N. Y. Furniture Warehouse, and at
reduced prices, for Cash.

NEW DAGUERREIAN GALLERY,
REMOVED.
In the Building occupied by Dr. WM. WARE.

SMOKED BEEF.
150 LBS. Smoked beef. For sale by
CARROLL & FENNELL.

SCUPPERNON WINE.
A FEW bbls. very superior, just received from
Bladen, for sale by
J. & W. L. McGARY.

SUGAR FOR SALE.
HOURLY expected, 6 hds. of prime Porto Rico
Sugar, on consignment, selected for the retail
trade, and for sale by
E. DICKINSON.

FIGS.
20 DRUMS fresh Turkey Figs. For sale at
HOWARD & PEDEN'S.

BOSTON LINE OF PACKETS.
THE following VESSELS will sail
regularly between this port and Boston.

ONE OF THE BOYS IN CALIFORNIA.
The following amusing epistle we find
in the Toledo (O.) Blade. It is written by
a young "chap," formerly of that place, to
one of his old chums. It is diverting, and
not without interest.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 1, 1848.
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There may be uncertainty, as to which
Atlantic city belongs the credit of making
the first successful movement in the
construction of a railroad, among the earliest
are Baltimore and Charleston--and Boston,
New York and Philadelphia, were nearly
simultaneous in their movements.

Although railroads were first used in
England, and next adopted by us, the system
is not confined to those countries
where the English language is spoken;
but it is extended throughout Europe--into
the heart of Russia, and also to India, and
it may be safely estimated that the entire
expenditure, within the last twenty-one
years, in the projection and construction of
railroads, will not fall short of one hundred
and millions of dollars! an amount, enormous
as it is, that will fall far short of the
increased value they have given to property,
besides their influence in facilitating
business, in reducing the expense
and time of travel, and in opening up new
regions of country.

These benefits and these influences are,
as yet, only beginning to be felt--the time
will come when all our great thoroughfares,
from the Atlantic cities to the extremes
of every part of our country--even to the
shores of the Pacific Ocean--will be
intersected by thousands of connecting and
branch railroads.

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.
Two hundred years ago, on the day we
write this article (30th January), the
Parliament of England, took the liberty of
shortening his most sacred majesty Charles
I. by the head, he having grown somewhat
too tall for the constitution and laws of
the realm! Those who are unconscious
of the rapidity with which the world has
progressed since that period, would do
well to consult the work of Mankind.

From the days of Homer, it has been
customary to speak of the times that are
past, as better than those that either are
now, or are to come hereafter, and the
poems of that great genius are full of
expressions indicating his belief that man
was undergoing a regular process of
degradation from the virtues and capacities
of his ancestors. In our own day, nothing
is more common than to hear persons
speak of the "gold old times;" for, as
Byron says,

"All times, when old, are good."
The truth is, we suspect, that the world
is better, and better off, on this 30th day
of January, 1849, than it ever was before;
and that it will be better still this day
twelve months, than it is now. The past
exists to our imaginations in an
atmosphere of roses, very unlike the reality
of actual life.

The physical world, alone, has not taken
gigantic strides, since the death of the
unfortunate Stuart. Mind has marched
along with matter, on the great thoroughfare
of general progress. The faculties of man
have not only been developed in a degree
that would have seemed incredible to the
most enthusiastic dreamer of the age of
Charles I, but the empire of opinion has
successfully asserted its superiority over the
law of brute strength. Religion, liberty,
the arts and sciences, have marched hand
in hand, and flourish side by side.

That the mind of man has always been
progressing, since the dark ages, we think
very evident. But its progress has been
more rapid since the troubles in which
Charles was involved with his Parliament
than it had ever been before. The great
truth that Government was instituted for
the benefit of the governed, and that
magistrates of every grade, from the King
upon the throne to the Justice on the bench,
are, like other beings, amenable to the
laws, had never been asserted so boldly,
or taught so successfully. The "divine right
of kings," claimed with so much pertinacity
by the Stuarts, was indeed a thing too
sacred to be handled; for when exposed
to the test of reason and history, it crumbled,
like the remains of one of their predecessors,
when exposed some years ago to the
action of the atmosphere. The whole world,
but especially England and America, owe
a debt of everlasting gratitude to the
great men of that extraordinary period. When
we look back at the extraordinary changes
set up at that day, by the crown and the
hierarchy, and at the atrocious crimes, by
which, under the name of law, they attempted
to enforce them, we are doubtful whether
to smile or to shudder; to smile at the
strange obliquity of the strongest
understanding under the influence of prejudice;
or to shudder at the perversion of the
moral principle, which could allow rational
beings to think, that they were either
rendering God an acceptable service by
tormenting his creatures, or manifesting a
pious devotion to the king by oppressing his
subjects.

RAILROADS AT THE CLOSE OF 1848.
The American Railroad Journal, in an
article upon this subject, furnishes some
interesting facts and suggestions. It is
only twenty-three years since a combined
effort was made in England to construct
a railway between Liverpool and Manchester.
The idea was, a one, hastily
entertained by nearly all the Atlantic cities
of the United States, and efforts and results
which followed exhibit prominently, the
character of the American people.

NOT IN THE BILLS.
On a certain occasion, at a certain
dramatic temple, a face was in the course
of representation, and had just reached the
scene where a lover enters, seeking,
most distracted, his lady love, who had
concealed herself a moment before, (in full
view of the audience) in "the garden."