to spread the report that young Doctor Esmond was Miss Severn's bethrothed meaning you, Fred, aged twenty-five; and as old Doctor Esmond, meaning me aged twenty-eight, came as often to see May, as you did, the rumor seemed truthful. At May's suggestion of bidding Laura—excuse me, Miss Lambert—to the wedding, I suddenly determined that Fred and she should 'make up.' You see the result.'

Laura raised her happy face.

'Doctor Esmond, you have brought back to me my love lost treasure, I thank you.'

There was a proud sweetness in her voice; and Fred whispered in her ear: We are no longer enstranged, dearest, and now when May and Phil solomnize their marriage vows, why should we not follow?'

She, looked up quickly in his face; the grave brown eyes were tremulous with tender effection, and she read there that he earnestly meant what he said! then, with a quivering lip and bowed head, she answered him;

'God has given us to each other again I am yours. Take me, Fred: and may I be the true, patient, loving wife that this summer of suffering has taught me.'

He kissed her forehead lightly; and as May brushed the pearly teardrops from her eyes, they went down the stairs to the waiting friends below, who, bidden to one wedding, witnessed two.

THE ANDOVER ADVERTISER.

The Legislature of Alabama have ratified the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The meteor that was seen by the people in this locality, on Thursday night last, was also noticed in the eastern part of the State. Its course was from east to west, and was visible for several seconds and then bursted in fragments,

Heavy rains have prevailed in Oregon doing a great amount of damage.—Rivers were overflowed, and a good share of the country inundated. The Oregon Central Railroad suffered considerable by way of bridges being carried off.

Mexico has gone into the business of killing miners. One hundred women and children have been crushed by the falling in of a silver mine. We had supposed that in this country we had the monopoly of killing men by boiler explosions, mine disasters, and accidents on railroads.

The Old School and New School Presbyterians are fast consolidating and uniting in this and Eastern States. This action will, we suppose, be imitated all over the country. It is well. It is far better to see brethren of the same faith agreeing in peace and unity. In church matters, as in everything else, in union there is strength.

We always expected that when they had a railroad smash up, it would be a big one—California does nothing by halves. The first railroad massacre in the Golden State has been a success.—When our California friends fairly get their hand in they will be able to rival the Stonewall disaster. Twenty persons killed and as many more severely wounded, will do for the first smash-up on the Pacific coast.

The Ohio Railroad Commissioner has commenced suit against Jay Gould of of the Erie Road for not complying with the railroad law of the State by sending to the Commissioner a report of the condition of the road. The suit is entered at Columbus, on the relation of Attorney General West. The amount for which the defendant is liable under the law is $7,000. The year for which the report should have been made ended June 30, but the law allowed untill September 1st to make the report. It is the intention of the Commissioner to make this suit a warm one. So says an exchange.

Movement of Produce.

The following is a table giving the movements of a few leading articles of produce, at the New York port since the beginning of the year. In most articles there is a large increase in the recepts, compared with the same months last year.

	1868.	1869.
Flour, bbls.	2,240,361	2,645,951.
Wheat, bush.	9,173,032	17,868,847.
Oats. "	7,787,312	5,698 118.
Corn. "	17,784,781	9,269,897.
Butter. pkgs.	390,318	526,936.
Cheese, "	930,701	1,125,150.

The exports show a gain in the shipment of Wheat, and Cheese.

	1868.	1869.
Flour, bbls.	816 429	1,258 243.
Wheat, bush.	4,628,703	15,736,279.
Oats. "	60,848	46,414.
Corn.	5,633,831	1,588,729.
Butter. lbs.	837,780	940,586.
Cheese.	38,310,876	52,263,935.

It is a mistake to suppose that all poets are outside the lunatic asylum, here is a "poem" from an inmate of the Utica Lunatic Asylam that is not to be "sneezed" at

"Gaily the tiger tuned his guttar,
Serenading the magpie with feathers and tar
Sweetly he sneezed at her, sourley he sighed:
'Lady-bird, lady-bird' will be my bride!
She for the elephant radley had pined.
Ate but an ox, and then vowed she hadn't dined;
Carried up a photograph close to her heart,
Wrapped up in lobsters, bank-notes and plum tart.
At midnight the rivals met in the whale.
And fought by the light of the grasshopper's tail:
The elephant stood on his trunk to take breath.
And the tiger cat coolly hugged him to death.
Then with a cabbage-stalk boldly he wrote
'Come, love, and tread on the tail of my coat.
See thy own crocodile a-whistling for thee.'
He groaned—gave a gurgle—a cold corpse was he."

The Junta have caused to be printed a large number of sheets with this heading: "To the Honorable the Congress of the United States. We, the citizens of the American Union, in behalf of the principles written in our charter of National Independence, in the name of Liberty and the sovereignty of people struggling to be free, respectfully petition that you honorable body do accord to Cuba the rights of a beligerent power; and at once recognize the independence of her sons from tyranny of a foreign yoke which for more than a year they have maintained (unaired) by the triumph of their arms." These papers are now being handed out to canvassers, who are going the rounds of New York city, asking every friend of liberty to affix his signature. They are likewise to be dispatched all over the country.

Local Intelligence.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for December, is at hand, as usual it is full of interesting reading, and profusely illustrated. The Drawer is full of side-splitting articles.

Andover Union School.

REPORT OF LAST EXAMINATION.

Ninth Grade—Roxie Bradley, 98; Sarah Ganoung, 95; Sarah VanSickle, 93; Katie O'Leary, 98; Mary Robinson, 98; Maynard Brundage, 93; Marsh Bundy, 95. Average of grade, 91.

Eighth Grade—Eliza Kennedy, 93; Florence Bundy, 98; Ida Cooper, 100; Flora Bundy, 95; Emma Bennett, 90; Ella Lanphear, 100; Mary Bradley 95; DiRttie McGraw, 97; Ida Campbell, 95; Alice Hallee ,82; Emma Brewster, 90; Josephine Potter, 85; Libbie Swink, 85; Charles Comstock, 85; Nancy Comstock, 83. Average of grade, 88.

Seventh Grade—Fannie Spaulding, 100; Nellie Perry, 95; Charlie Cobb, 95; Nettie Bess, 83; Mary Bundy, 100; Mary Krusen, 97; Carrie Phinney, 97; Katie Clark, 97; Frank Langdon, 88; Bell Owens, 82. Average of grade, 93.

Sixth Grade—Nellie Potter, 97; Minerva Burdick, 95; Nora O'Leary, 90; Fred Cobb, 88; Ida, Krusen, 95; Maggie O'Leary, 97; Cara Hunt, 97; Charlie Lever, 83; Frank Baker, 82; Jennie Cole, 78; Dell Hawkins, 78; Frank Crandall, 77; Fannie Langdon, 75; Ella Crandall, 75; Mattie Brundage, 75; Jessee Swink, 75 Average of grade, 76. W. B. WRIGHT.

STILL AHEAD.—That *Star Spangled Banner*, which for seven years has "waved" to the great satisfaction of its many thousand readers, and to the *dis*-satisfaction of all swindlers and rascals generlly, is even more wide awake than ever. It has at an immense expense secured the services of an eminent artist, and the result is that it proposes to *give away* a splendid engraving entitled *Evangeline* to every subscriber for 1870. This superb work of art is *one and one-half by two feet* in size, and is equal to the best $3 engraving ever offered. *The Banner* is a large eight-page, forty column paper, overflowing with splendid reading of all kinds and costs only 75 cents a year, which is very cheap for the paper alone, but the publishers propose giving every subscriber a copy of their elegant engraving gratis. The paper and its publishers are reliable and it will *pay* to send for specimens to *The Star Spangled Banner*, Hinsdale, N. H., or they can be seen at this office.

NEW YORK MARKET.

FLOUR.—The tendency in prices for the last few days, have been downward. We quote the highest prices as follows:

For Superfine State $4.75.—Extra State, $5.30.—Amber Winter Wheat, $6,20.

WHEAT.—The prices have declined. Chicago Spring $1,20 a1,24.—Amber $1,33 a1.39.

CORN.—The market is better, and quite active. The following prices have been reached 98a1,10.

PORK.—Pork has again advanced, for Old Mess $33,50, New $32,50.

BUTTER,—Business has been moderate. Very little demand for shippers, State and Orange County, pails, 50a55; State, firkins and half firkins, choice 42 a45.

POTATOES.—Per barrel $1,90a1.37.

CHEESE.—The market is dull. State Factory, Choice, 17a19 1-2. State dairies choice, 16a17 1-2.

HOME MARKET.—Retail.

Trade lively.—Produce plenty.—We quote:

FLOUR—White Winter, $7,50.—Amber, $7,00.—Spring, Choice, No. 1 $6,50

WHEAT.—White Winter, $1,20a1,-28.—Amber, $1,00a1,10. Spring, choice 90a1,20.

BUTTER.—Firkins and Tub, choice, 30a37.—Roll, choice, 30a35.

Eggs, 25 cts.

Potatoes 40 cts.

Apples, per bbl, $2,00a2,50.

Pork, per lb, 14a17.—Salt, 17.

Lard 20 cts.

Beef in quarter, 7a9.—Beef Steak, 14a15.—Roast, 10a14.

Fish, Salt.—Mackeral. 10a14.—Codfish 8cts.—Trout 8.—Whitefish 8.

Sugar,—Brown, 12a12 1-2.—Coffee, 16a16 1-2.—Pulverized, 18cts.

Cheese, 15a17cts.

Honey, 16a22cts.

Syrup, 80a$1,00.

Teas, $1,00a2,00.

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