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## THE EAST END.

### Gentlemen and Ladies' Boot & Shoe Store.

**BENJAMIN THOMPSON.**  
WOULD I had been in Bridgeton and the surrounding country that the people there had seen the illustration of the shoe and boot in this issue of the Pioneer, I would have been glad to have seen it. I have been in the business of shoe and boot making for many years, and I have seen many of the shoes and boots that are made in this country. I have seen many of the shoes and boots that are made in this country. I have seen many of the shoes and boots that are made in this country.

and as the sun rises in the east and advances the day, so will I endeavor to enlighten my fellow citizens. I will endeavor to enlighten my fellow citizens. I will endeavor to enlighten my fellow citizens. I will endeavor to enlighten my fellow citizens. I will endeavor to enlighten my fellow citizens.

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## Choir Poetry.

### WHERE I WOULD HAVE MY HOME.

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Where the air is fresh and pure,  
Where the morning dews come sweet and mild,  
And life will long endure!

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## For the West Jersey Pioneer.

### Commencement of Union College at Schenectady, N. Y.

The exercises of Union College were opened on Monday evening, July 20th, by an oration before the Senate, a society consisting of the senior class, by George W. Curtis of New York. His subject was Patriotism, its nature and its duties. Mr. Curtis is a young man, possessing a large share of those qualities which make up the orator. His modesty is such that at once always every feeling of envy, while at the same time his rare talents, and his clear and manly delivery, are calculated to secure for him the profoundest respect and closest attention. Although he spoke for about an hour and a half, yet the attention of the audience did not for a moment flag, but rather increased; and what is perhaps more remarkable, there was not a word or a syllable uttered during the whole time, which could not be distinctly heard in any part of the house. Perhaps it is hardly necessary to add that Mr. Curtis is the same gentleman who lectured one evening last Fall in Bridgeton, respecting the merits of the three rival candidates for the presidency.

On the following day, July 21st, an oration was delivered by the Hon. George W. Clinton of Buffalo, and a poem by Anson G. Chester of Syracuse. Of Mr. Clinton's oration, we cannot speak, for although we did not sit very far from the speaker, we heard only now and then a part of a sentence. In fact we are not even prepared to announce the subject. We listened closely and made some inquiries, but all of no avail. The poem on the Shrivelled Soul, was short and pleasing, but was far from being a masterly production.

After these exercises closed, the graduates of Union and other colleges, were introduced into a large apartment, where they were invited to partake of the ample provisions which had been tastefully provided for their benefit. After the repast, Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, stated that it was desirable that the graduates of Union College should raise the sum of \$25,000, for the purpose of erecting a hall where the Alumni might meet from year to year. He said there were about 4000 graduates of Union scattered over different parts of the country, and that such a building erected by themselves, would have a strong tendency to draw them together at the annual commencements. After appointing out different Counties and States to the Alumni present, they adjourned to meet again on the day before the next commencement, to lay the corner stone of the proposed edifice.

About half past seven o'clock the people again assembled for the purpose of listening to an address by Henry Ward Beecher, and a poem by Rev. John Pierpont. Certainly no man ever addressed a more flattering audience. The largest church in the city was filled to its utmost capacity, from door-step to pulpit; in fact every aisle and "stand-up-able" place were appropriated. Mr. Beecher at once announced that he would discuss some of those topics connected with success and failure in life. He said that animals are what they are, not by training but by instinct; that those animals which are wares of perfection in the beginning of life, are lowest in the scale of existence, while those which are farthest from perfection at birth, are highest in the order of being. Such is man. He is a zero at the starting point. By cultivation and discipline, he may reach the highest mark on the scale of perfection; that an individual uneducated, is no more a man, than an acorn is an oak. The speaker said that some individuals in their development and success, resemble very much a vine ascending a lofty tree, which spreads all its vitality in growth, and has none left to produce fruit, while others are like a vine entwining around a stake; it extends itself to the limit and then ceases to grow, expending all its remaining force in developing and maturing its productions. Mr. Beecher said that there are various degrees of success in life. Those persons who reach the highest degree of perfection, are those who succeed, both inwardly and outwardly. There are some who succeed only inwardly, but still worse are those who succeed only outwardly, and worse by far are those who succeed in neither. He also spoke of the importance of engaging in business congenial to the disposition. A farmer would make a very awkward appearance in a city saloon, but in a field he would swing a scythe with a grace and dignity which would be truly worthy of admiration. He said that there is at present a great effluence of refinement. There are some who could they listen to the voice of God, amidst the thunder of Sinai would perhaps forget the grandeur of the scene while they are engaged in criticizing the sentences and watching for the adverbs. Old ocean in a storm is nothing, but its pretty bubbles are exceedingly beautiful. The speaker noticed that one's success in life is much affected by approbation, in form of vanity. A man who goes forth into the forest making a noise, everything retreats and hides before him, but when he moves forward, still and careful, he gets a sight of everything that is beautiful around

## him. The spider comes forth and weaves its web of gossamer, the squirrel skips from branch to branch, and the birds display their beautiful feathers, and sing their sweetest songs.

But we are conscious that in this way we cannot do the speaker or his subject justice by reviewing it at any length. It was, unquestionably the most brilliant production of the occasion. Mr. Beecher is, undoubtedly one of the most remarkable men of the age. One of his most striking peculiarities is his originality. Everything which he says bears upon it the mark of his own impress. We do not think he imitates any one. He is Henry Ward Beecher, and no one else. His voice, too, is clear and musical, and susceptible of every degree of modulation. Sometimes it is like the gentle dew as it falls upon the tender leaf of the drooping plant, and again it is like the autumnal tempest, pouring forth its flood of waters upon barren hills, and thirsting plains.

We believe that Mr. Beecher is doing a vast amount of good, notwithstanding the many hard things said against him by the "vulgar throng." He is evidently a man of moral courage, who will speak forth his own sentiments freely and fearlessly, who will condemn sin, wherever found, ever regardless of the consequences. But perhaps we are digressing.

Mr. Beecher's address was followed by a poem on Progress, by Mr. Pierpont. At first we began to sympathize deeply with the poet, fearing lest he would be unable to hold the attention of the audience to that point where the Orator had led it; our fears in a measure were soon dissipated. It was certainly a masterly production. He alluded with the most happy effect to the Press, the Telegraph, the Steam Engine and Submarine Cable, and elicited the repeated applause of the audience.

On the following day, July 22, were the regular commencement exercises. About 9 A. M. the doors of the old Presbyterian Church were opened for the admittance of ladies only. The consequence was that a large part of the assembly was made up of the fair sex. At the venerable president, Dr. Roll made his appearance and opened the exercises by prayer. The graduating class consisted of about ninety members, but only thirty received appointments for the occasion. Time and space would fail to speak of these young men in their order. All the speakers did themselves credit, but some of them are especially worthy of notice. Among those especially deserving attention, are Edward Allen of Auburn, Ct., Henry Rathbone of Albany, N. Y., John Gilmore of Glasgow Scotland, Lewis B. Rogers of Albion N. Y., L. C. Seely of Bethel Ct., and last, though not least, George E. Tomlinson of Shiloh, N. J. Taking everything into the account, the exercises passed off creditably to the College, and satisfactory to all present. It certainly was a rich intellectual treat, which we are rarely permitted to enjoy. C. H. T.

## Canadian Correspondence.

LONDON, July 28th, 1857.

People stay a week or a month at Cape May, Newport or Saratoga; here they do all up in a day or two, and are off. And yet it would seem that the noblest landscape scenery on God's earth—the great waterfall—might be read to contrite hearts and love-sick eyes, for days and nights. Each hour that the student of this fluent page of Nature gazes on it, he becomes not only more discovered from the things of earth merely, but the sublimity, nobleness, head, heart and eye-sufficing majesty of the scene, are more and more crescent the longer he stands.

Crossing over a beautiful and imposing bridge over the rapids above the Falls, I came upon a place such as is nowhere else to be found. It is the Isle fast anchored on the very brink of the precipice, and withstanding the rush of mad waters besting to their fall. Two three rivers, running each side, bound it; another takes a course through it, while seven pour down from it.

About half way down the bank, between the two great falls, we beheld a portion of the cataract in one bold, round stream, falling in brilliant folds down the mighty precipice. Above, we see impending cliffs, as if not only the water, but the mountains might fall upon us and hide us in some dark den; while the magnificent sheet of snowy purity, exultant from the top-most rock, flashes down through mid air, plunging below with the voices of thunder.

The image of Life, in the waters, so full of youth and vigor, makes, sootless matter appear, not dumb, but endowed with will and choice, and unintermittently at work. I noticed two large oblong rocks lying under this fall, that seemed to me as though they had crept up from the deep, and laid their heads where the falls might, and best upon them without effort; while the impetuous floods seem to increase their strength and weight, venting their force upon the stubborn dirt, to batter it to pieces. But the stream is torn into fragments, and flung in pearl-like beads all over the steep.

Here is hoarse, barbaric noise and power displayed by the fluid elements to my satisfaction. Surely all the chained storms are fretting out their madness here!

The spray curling along, and rolling up the rocky banks of the hollow cavern, and the constant action of the water on the air gives those reverberations which have given it the title of "Cave of the Winds." Here, too, is a region of fancy, and a place of illusion as ever can be found. Here, too, as in all the creation elsewhere, Beauty in its enchantment has crept in and wound round all, with all the colors blended and formed into circles. O! what a glorious brilliant ring is seen! It is indeed a rare and lovely sight, fit accompaniment of such a place. So, Love and Hope are found amid commotion and destruction. Here we can stand in the sublime attitude, with two rainbows about the head, and one at the feet. These meet at intervals in complete circles—rings of various hues, the diadem of light. Now they are sized glowing amid the moving mass.—Now they have passed away in the mist by a change in the variable breeze. There it springs back again, quicker than a hummingbird. See it seem to rise and fall lambent on the spray, then vanish soon in the descending foam.

The mighty celestial bow of Heaven, seen by Noah in the sky, is here brought down, and its blazing hues flash around your head, then at your feet, leaving you harmless as if you were a saint.

The curious one, desirous to find the end of the rain bow, might here see where its base is planted, and "catch the falling glory." Below you the bow is also seen, and seems straightened out; there extended in a line, its various hues tinge both rock and wave.

To those who have not been here, these elaborate descriptions may seem extravagant and unmeaning, or an essay at mental extension. But as I said in the commencement, this unique scenery, like all the rest in the vicinity, confirms anew the belief of the inefficiency of words, pencil, or brush to render it.

Seeing those wonders and beauties of the Creator's power, makes one think what he bathes the delights in reserve for those who love God. If there is such beauty and felicity in things temporal and seen, what happiness and bliss must be in things not seen and eternal?

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### For the West Jersey Pioneer.

#### Kansas Correspondence.

I should have mentioned in my last, our passing through Bloomington, a town laid out near the Wokam. It has a fine situation—a steam sawmill, and two or three dwelling houses. The country is all claimed around here, and the cabin of the settler dots the prairie in every direction.

This morning we yoked up, and about noon we arrived in the Santa Fe road. At the junction of the Lawrence road with this noted thoroughfare, is a large pile of bones, where, I am told, a train was frozen some years since. The road is lined with bones to a greater or less extent. When I used to read in my geography about the Indians attacking the Santa Fe traders, and look at the picture of the wagons, why, what notions I had! I could hardly think it was in this world, but somewhere in some other world, never, of course, to be seen by me. Judge of my feelings, then, when I found myself in this track, looking for miles on either side at the beautiful prairie, now clothed with Nature's new robes of Spring. If I had reason to think I had accomplished a feat in having a view of the road, it was something more, when a short time afterwards, a man who had fallen in company with us at the junction, pointed out a train coming from Santa Fe; I looked, and sure enough there was a train coming over the hills, (we say hills when it is





