

Another Old Alexandria Reminiscence.
MR. EDITOR:—The following advertisement was copied some time since from a book of Travels, written many years ago by an English man, whose name was Hamilton. He visited this place for a few days, and seems to have been very much amused at many things he saw during the time of his sojourn. The book was in the Alexandria Library some few years ago. It was a large quarto volume, and gotten up in the highest style of the typographical art, at the period of its publication, and the contents I found to be generally quite amusing and interesting. I have copied out this advertisement, which, I presume, appeared in the columns of the Gazette of that day, and send it to you as another contribution to your reminiscences of old Alexandria.

The negro man alluded to by Hamilton, was familiarly known in our day, as "Jim Hammond." He died, probably, some twenty years ago, and will doubtless be well remembered by many of your readers. Although in his early life he appears to have been a person of some consequence in the town, having "kept a Hotel," he seems in his latter days to have somewhat fallen from his former high estate, and became considerably reduced in his circumstances, and for some time acted in the capacity of a Porter to the many Dry Goods stores along King street. I have never heard that he ever did "his calling disgrace," and so far as I have been able to learn, generally bore a very good character. I rather suspect that his misfortunes came upon him as they have frequently upon many others who have occupied more prominent positions in life, from his inability to resist that demand for "credit," which he seems at the commencement of his career to have been most anxious to avoid.—During my recollection, he was most generally to be found, with his wheelbarrow, at the mouth of the alley on King between Fairfax and Royal streets, which locality, I believe, rejoices under the very interesting *sou briquet* of Sharp Shinn Alley, and from which point he would convey a parcel to any part of the town, for the small sum of six and a quarter cents, the representative of which amount, in a silver coin, might be frequently seen at that day, but now, alas! is no where to be found, and may safely be reckoned "among the things that were." P.

Alexandria, February 14, 1865.

JAMES HAMMOND'S ADVERTISEMENT.

The subscriber most respectfully acquaints his friends and the public generally, that on the 1st day of next month, he intends to open an Oyster House, where he at present resides, on King street, a few doors west of Washington street, where gentlemen can be supplied at any time with oysters served up in whatever manner they may think proper to order them, and,

Where is there by land or water,
 A nicer morsel than an Oyster?

He also intends to entertain generally, for which purpose he will at all times be supplied with liquors of a superior quality, and the best provisions the market will afford, and as it is his determination to use every effort to give satisfaction,

He hopes the color of his face,
 Will his calling never disgrace.
 But that his conduct and attention,
 Will be a means to give him custom.

The public's most humble servant,
JAMES HAMMOND.

Alexandria, Va., September 28, 1805.

N. B.—As a new beginner, I hope gentlemen will not expect credit. My capital is very limited, notwithstanding which, it is my determination to go in debt to no person. I consequently cannot afford to credit. **J. H.**

PROF. LOUIS WUNDRAM'S
BLOOD PURIFYING
 AND
PURGATIVE HERBS,
 (In Pills and Powders.)

THE BEST BLOOD PURIFYING agents as yet known, have been most successfully used for over a quarter of a century in Europe, and for the last 3 years, also, in this country, and are particularly efficient in the cure of all chronic diseases. No one should despair of being cured without first trying them. No family should be without them, for by their timely use much sickness can be prevented. They are imported direct to this port by the undersigned, and their purity, efficacy and safety can be relied upon with perfect confidence.

The following are some of the diseases which have been permanently removed by their use:

- Tetter.
- Inflammation of the bowels,
- consumption in its early stages
- headache, asthma, cough, sore eyes, lockjaw, ruptures, rheumatism, cramp cholic, catarrh, pain in the breast and sides, deafness, nervousness, spotted fever, chills and fever, ague, open wounds, pneumonia, dyspepsia, salt rheum, cancer, scrofula, jaundice, tapeworm, biliousness, eruptions of the skin, bowel complaint, langour, gout, dropsy, erysipelas, worms, cholera, piles, diarrhoea, hoarseness, swellings, bloatings, bloody and white flux, dysentery, costiveness, measles, &c.

Full directions accompany each remedy imported and for sale by.

JULIUS DIENELT, Dentist,
 145 Prince st., below Washington sts.
 Alexandria, Va.
 For sale by most Druggists. Jan 3—tf

VICTOR BECKER,
PIANO TUNER & REGULATOR,

Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, melodeons, Accordeons, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King st.

V. BECKER also offers his services and long experience in the business, to Persons wanting new Pianos; and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. Feb 1—1m

SUTER'S HILL BREWERY,
 WEST END, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THE undersigned would inform his old friends and customers that he has by considerable expense enlarged his old establishment, and is prepared to make first rate

LAGER BEER, which he will be pleased to supply to all who will favor him with a call. Jan 3—3m **JOHN KLIEN.**

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE
Job Printing Office,

King st., over Stone's Book Store, opp. Theatre
 All Kinds of JOB PRINTING neatly executed.
 Jan 19—tf

FREDERICK PAFF,
 FASHIONABLE
BOOT AND SHOE MAKER,
 No. 230 King street.
 Jan 3—tf

DAVY & HARMON,
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants.
 Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,
 Jan 19—ly **ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

BOARD and LODGING can be had for two or three persons, by application at No. 203, Prince street. Jan 30—tf

GAS AND STEAM FITTING ESTABLISHMENT.

C. O. GANN,

PRACTICAL GAS AND STEAM FITTER,
 No. 15, North Royal Street.
 ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Is now prepared to do
GAS FITTING
 in all its branches. Stores, dwellings, machine shops, and public buildings fitted up on the most approved plans, and at reasonable terms FOR CASH.

Steam pipes, gauges, cocks, and globe valves, of the most recent approved plans, and of superior workmanship and quality, constantly on hand. Contracts will be made for work, and fixtures of any kind supplied at the lowest rates.

Likewise has on hand **CHANDELIERS, PENDANTS, BRACKETS, DROP LIGHTS, GLASS GLOBES, MICA and PAPER SHADES, &c.** of all the new styles and beautiful patterns, at prices that cannot fail to please.

Also, has on hand, and is constantly receiving, at wholesale and retail, the most extensive and best assorted stock of

LAMP GOODS

ever offered in this market, comprising everything connected with the trade.

LANTERNS of every size, kind and color, from the smallest to the head lights of a ship

KEROSENE OIL

always on hand of the purest and best quality. Dealers supplied at a small advance on factory prices.

The public are invited to call before purchasing, and examine my stock, as it is purchased expressly for this market. Jan 12—3m

PARTICULAR ATTENTION!

GOLD IS DOWN!

And so are **BOOTS AND SHOES.** We shall to-day commence selling our large and well selected stock of **LADIES, MISSES, and CHILDREN'S SHOES,** at 25 per cent. less than last week's prices.

Ladies wishing to buy good and cheap **GOODS,** had better call early and secure bargains at No. 130, King st., at James H. Devaughn's Furniture Store, and opposite the Provost Marshal's Office.

FREITAG & CO.
GENTS' BOOTS from \$4. upwards—
 Call and see for yourself. Jan 31—1m

W. H. DEVAUGHN,
CUPPER, LEECHER AND INJECTOR,

No. 165, King Street,

R. H. Stablers Drug Store.

Residence No. 209, Cameron Street, half square east of Washington and Alexandria Railroad track, where Sunday and night calls will be attended to. Jan 5—tf

NEW WOOD YARD.

I WILL KEEP A SUPPLY OF **PINE AND OAK WOOD,** At my yard on **PRINCE STREET,** BETWEEN **PITT AND ROYAL,** which I will sell at the lowest rates. **E. A. DAYTON.** Jan 3—tf

A CARD.

DANIEL SHAY,
MERCHANT TAILOR,

HAVING taken the stand formerly occupied by W. & A. Murray, No. 19, North Fairfax street, is prepared to fill all orders entrusted to him, and promises to keep up the reputation of his predecessors. Jan 3—tf

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WANTED at No. 17 King Street, any amount of **RAGS, OLD IRON, COPPER and BRASS,** for which the highest market price will be paid at all times. Jan 3—tf

WE ARE now offering our stock of **FRENCH MERINOES, CASHMERE, PLAIDS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c.,** at a great reduction on this season's prices.

R. L. WOOD,
 No. 170, King, below Washington street.
 Jan 13—1m