

...a mere dissenting clergy  
without money than with? It is totally in-  
credibly to me why you should marry him at all;  
and without the power over him which money  
could give. Are you mad?"  
"Not in the least. When you find in your  
der as fine a gentleman as George Morley I  
all be glad to hear from you."  
"He must be an exception."  
"Of course he is," said she. "There is another  
exception coming to plague pa. Stay and see  
other exception, and finish what you were  
going to say."  
"Well, Rebecca, I only wanted to know this.  
Money should run short with you, will you ac-  
cuse me from me?"  
"Certainly," said Rebecca. "I am very much  
owed to you. Some of your money may come  
very useful, if pa has been drawn dry by him,  
if we have not got any of it. We should be  
glad of some of yours under those circum-  
stances."  
"A few thousands," began Lord Ducetoy.  
"Thousands," said Rebecca, laughing. "If  
I can find you £150 some day, it is quite as  
good as we are fit to be trusted with. Don't  
George Morley more. He would only give  
you. Tell me. Is this offer of money all  
you are going to say to me when you began?"  
"It was all, indeed."  
"Bless me, I thought you were going to talk  
sense to me. You were not, were you?"  
"I assure you, Rebecca, that I had not the  
intention of doing so."  
"Quite sure?"  
"I am not quite sure that you are sane in  
making of such a thing. Come, you are the  
last person on the face of the earth that I  
dare to talk nonsense to. How Mr. Morley  
into his present position with you I don't  
know. I would not have dared to say as much  
as I have dared. Cousin, I only wanted to try  
and see you, and you are so very quaint and  
odd that I had to beat about the bush. I  
am a little in love with you once, but I have  
got over any little sentimental feeling of  
sort."  
"They had come into the upper room out of  
the balcony as he said this, and she said, "Bend  
your head, my lord." And he bent it  
towards her and she kissed him, saying, "You  
are a good man, cousin, and we understand one  
another."  
"If any one thinks she was wrong, I hap-  
pily disagree with them."  
"She Eve kissed her first-born (unfortunately  
his illustration, *Cain*, I believe, unless some  
of the papers have been grubbed out at Fetter  
or Simancas (to the contrary) no purer kiss  
ever or received than Rebecca gave to Lord  
Ducetoy. And he, being a gentleman, knew it,  
and let us come down stairs," she said.  
"I have spoken of Mr. Morley as a dissenting  
minister. As if they were all alike. As if  
all dissenters were all alike." And she gave illas-  
trations. "Come and see what I have escaped,

lordship on the stairs, my elephantine awk-  
wardness is somewhat easier to bear. About  
the outrageous impropriety of the thing happen-  
ing at all, and of Rebecca telling about it after-  
ward, I say nothing. But from all I can hear,  
two very good people have kissed one another,  
and are not ashamed of it either."  
Lord Ducetoy laughed aloud. "It was her,  
you know, Padre, mind that. She kissed me  
in the passage. You believe me, I am sure."  
"My lord, I am bound to believe the statement  
of any hereditary legislator, the more particu-  
larly in this case because I am perfectly certain  
that you would never have obtained the favor of your  
own person."  
Carry sat utterly aghast. Lord Ducetoy had  
kissed Becky in the passage, and they were all  
making fun of it. Her husband was laughing,  
and Becky and Lord Ducetoy were smiling. She  
began to cry.  
Hagbut did not attend to her at first, for his  
eyes were fixed on Mr. Turner. He turned sud-  
denly on Carry and ordered her to run for the  
doctor.  
"Rebecca, look at your father," he said.  
"Good heavens and earth! it can't be so,  
while we have been chattering nonsense here.  
Go away, Rebecca, go and fetch the landlady,  
or the surgeon, or the fire-engine, or some one. My  
lord, things have gone wrong here. Are you  
afraid of death?"  
"Is he dead?" said Lord Ducetoy.

### GENERAL PATRICK HENRY JONES, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY.

GENERAL JONES, the new Postmaster of New  
York city, is an Irishman by birth. Twenty-five  
years ago he came to this country with his father.  
He was then a lad of ten years of age. He served  
with gallantry in the late civil war, entering the  
service as a private in the Thirty-seventh New  
York Volunteers in May, 1861. He was soon  
elected second-lieutenant by his company, and  
from this post he was promoted to the first-  
lieutenancy, then to the post of major of the  
regiment, and in October, 1862, to the rank of  
colonel, assuming command of the One Hundred  
and Fifty-fourth New York. He went through  
all the campaigns under POPE and BURNSIDE,  
up to the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was  
badly wounded and taken prisoner. On his re-  
covery he managed to get out of the hands of the  
rebels, and was sent with his regiment to the  
Western army, then operating under SHER-  
MAN. He participated in the campaign from  
Chattanooga to Atlanta, and with such marked  
coolness and bravery that he was recommended  
by Generals HOOKER and HOWARD for promo-  
tion to the position of Brigadier-General. Presi-  
dent LINCOLN, on receiving these recommenda-  
tions, immediately telegraphed General SHERMAN  
to know his opinion in regard to this promotion,  
and General SHERMAN replied that it was one  
eminently proper to be made, on account of his  
gallant services in the field; whereupon he was  
made a full Brigadier-General, which position he  
held through the war, participating from that  
time in all the campaigns of General SHER-  
MAN. He resigned his military rank June 15,  
1865. The same year he was elected Clerk of  
the Court of Appeals on the Republican ticket,  
and served his official term. In 1868 he was ap-  
pointed by Governor FENTON to the Registership  
of New York, to fill the unexpired term of Gen-  
eral CHARLES G. HALPINE. He was succeeded  
in this position by the election of MICHAEL CON-  
NOLLY. The proceeds of this office, after de-  
fraying expenses, he paid over to the widow of  
General HALPINE. General JONES was a Demo-  
crat before the war, is a lawyer by profession,  
and was Governor FENTON's law partner before  
the breaking out of the Rebellion.

### HON. THOMAS H. NELSON, MINISTER TO MEXICO.

HON. THOMAS H. NELSON, of Indiana, recent-  
ly appointed Minister to Mexico, is a native of  
Mason County, Kentucky, and is about forty-  
five years of age. He is brother of Colonel A.  
D. NELSON, and of the late General WILLIAM  
NELSON, United States Army. He removed  
early in life to Rockville, Indiana, and subse-  
quently to Terre Haute, where he still resides;  
and in that State has for more than twenty years

Embassador more than to any other man does  
the latter country attribute the correct under-  
standing of, and consequent sympathy with, its  
own side of the struggle which contemporary  
governments displayed. His dispatches to the  
State Department are thoroughly American in  
tone, and are graphic in their delineation of the  
grave events and interests which came under his  
attention. Upon his return home in 1866 Mr.  
NELSON at once threw himself into the mem-  
orable canvass in behalf of the Fourteenth Amend-  
ment, and spoke, from Kentucky to Kansas, to  
large audiences of people. Unanimously se-  
lected to head the Republican electoral ticket  
last year in Indiana, Mr. NELSON, "as is the  
custom of the country," canvassed and spoke in  
nearly every county in the State, until it was tri-  
umphantly carried for GRANT and COLFAX, him-  
self bearing its electoral vote to the Capital. A  
few days ago the President nominated Mr. NEL-  
SON to succeed General ROSECRANS in Mexico,  
and, although contemporary appointments were  
critically scanned, his own was at once reported  
upon and confirmed by the unanimous vote of  
both parties in the Senate.

### OBSERVATORIES AT WASHINGTON AND PRINCETON.

THE National Observatory at Washington is  
situated southwest of the Executive Mansion,  
upon an elevated site overlooking the Potomac  
River. It was originally designed and used for  
a hydrographical office. The preparation of  
wind and current charts, the regulation of chro-  
nometers, and the other branches of hydrograph-  
ical research, still occupy the principal care of  
those in charge, astronomical investigation be-  
ing made secondary. The Transit instrument,  
shown in one of our cuts on page 317, is in the  
west wing of the building. It is a 7-foot achro-  
matic, with an aperture of 5.3 inches, and was  
made by ERTEL & SON of Munich. The glass  
and brass work of the instrument cost \$10,000.

The chronometer room is also shown in one  
of our cuts. All the chronometers of the Navy  
are here regulated by means of an electric clock.  
The Observatory is open to visitors between the  
hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M., and a courteous offi-  
cer is always in attendance to render all needed  
assistance and to furnish information.

The Halsted Observatory, erected for the Col-  
lege of New Jersey at Princeton, is built of sand-  
stone, and consists of a central tower of an octa-  
gonal form and of two smaller towers also octa-  
gonal in shape which are connected with the  
central tower in the manner indicated in our en-  
graving.

The length of the whole building is 101 feet,  
and the height of the middle tower up to the  
girdle of the dome is about 40 feet. The gir-  
dle is about 4 feet wide, and the dome surmounting  
this is hemispherical in form and 40 feet in di-  
ameter, so that the entire height from the ground  
to the top of the dome is 65 feet. Each of the  
small octagonal towers is surmounted by a met-  
allic dome, and their dimensions are about one-  
half of those of the great tower. These smaller  
towers, or wings, will contain an astronomical  
library and offices for the use of the observer.  
The walls of the whole edifice are about 2 feet  
thick, and built in the most substantial man-  
ner.

The telescope will be supported by the solid  
pier of sandstone, thoroughly grouted with ce-  
ment, already constructed within the main tower,  
and which itself rests upon the solid rock, from  
14 to 18 feet below the surface of the ground.  
Its dimensions are about 31 feet by 26 feet at the  
base, on which the structure is carried squarely  
up to within 4 feet of the surface, whence it tapers  
gradually to the top, where it is 11 feet square,  
upon a level with the main floor of the Ob-  
servatory, and 18 feet above the ground. Upon  
this pier is placed a granite base 10 feet square  
and 1 foot thick, from which rises a solid column  
of Quincy granite, weighing 32 tons, and some  
15 feet high, so that when the telescope is mount-  
ed on it the centre of motion of the telescope will  
be as high as the middle of the girdele of the dome.  
The dome itself, which is of wrought iron, cov-  
ered with a bright composite metal, like the  
smaller domes, rests upon 40 pulleys arranged in  
a ring upon a circular railway, and so fixed as to  
obtain great ease of motion for the revolving  
dome, and security against derangement of any  
part of this apparatus. The dome has the usual  
facilities of sliding shutters.

STED and Dr. VAN RENSS-  
LAER, under the charge of  
ALEXANDER, LL.D., the di-  
rector of Astronomy at Princeton,  
and especially his extensive  
pothesis of LA PLACE, have  
position among scientific in-  
science as well as of the C.  
that the Observatory be ar-  
rangement such as has been de-  
must be a very costly one-  
ble delay.

### HOME AND FOREIGN

"SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY" conti-  
nues to excite the public mind last week—but the moti-  
on was pre-empted. Mr. Elbridge  
Blunt, counsellor for the proce-  
witnesses on the stand to show  
made." One witness—Mr. Boggs—  
more ways of producing these  
graphs than he could count upon  
picture of an angel flying over  
horns on his head without his  
thing unusual had been done, but  
might find out the trick; but he  
good ones; he could take an im-  
plate, put the plate aside, either  
where, and then bring it out an-  
ture on it. When the plate is  
tures will be developed together.  
ever, sometimes does not call in  
For example, an artist once to-  
man surrounded by the majestic  
ster, Clay, Calhoun, Benton, and  
sitter desired the disembodied por-  
trait, and this was not to be ef-  
having made the necessary prepa-  
Mr. Mason, Secretary of the P.  
of the American Institute, testifi-  
photographs" could be made by  
and making a positive from it, wi-  
ly used to make a spirit picture.  
active any one. He produced a sn-  
and explained the matter practic-  
also one of his own processes in  
used was a piece of transparent  
upon it. He showed how by man-  
dexterity the impression of the fi-  
made on the sensitive plate and  
His exposition of the matter created  
Testimony was also rendered the  
some of Mr. Mumler's pictures, w-  
ed, could not have been in front of  
same time with the sitter, because  
shadows of the one were opposed  
other.

In regard to the alleged likenes-  
to deceased friends, it was in evi-  
dence had been honestly deceived by  
the same "spirit" having appeared  
and been recognized (I) as that of  
The dimness of the portraits aided  
occasionally an extraordinary like-  
ceased person happened to exist, or  
The Princess Louise is to be mar-  
ried to the Prince of Wales. Queen  
Victoria will have only one sur-  
vivor—the Princess Beatrice.

Hall's *Journal of Health* gives a tip  
to put on thinner under-clothing to-  
son; also, that when clothing is to  
should be done in the morning wh-  
At this time of year housekeepers sh-  
much of a hurry to put their fire-pla-  
der. The comfort and health of a  
often seriously disturbed by sitting  
mornings and evenings. In order  
should avoid exposures during the cl-

The *Evening Post* gives what it ca-  
lls "a bill" of \$4639 32, incurred by a legis-  
lator who visited this city to "investigate  
items being largely such as "brandy  
garns," "diners," "livery," "theat-  
The bill contains at least thirty sep-  
arate tickets to theatres. The *Post* remark-  
ed that this committee was obliged  
deal of brandy, whisky, and wine; th-  
great many cigars; that it visited mar-  
it gave a number of dinners; that it  
many carriages; and had only fifty d-  
medical attendance—all which shows  
er selected for members of this commi-  
vigorous men.

Miss Van Lew, the new Postmistress  
is reported to have made many postal  
city. She has placed two ladies in  
ladies' delivery; has increased the fac-  
tation and money orders, and she in-  
troduced street letter-boxes, and distri-  
buted throughout the city promptly on arriv-

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was last w-  
of a singular execution: Executions  
enough, and all kinds of criminals—the  
the hardened, the weak and frightened  
ically indifferent—mount the scaffold.  
often that one against whom the blacke-  
been proved goes cheerfully to an igno-  
even smiling upon the gallows. Such s-  
been the conduct of Louis Lane, a neg-  
65 years old, who suffered

### CHAPTER XXXI.

**BREAKING WINDOWS.**  
do people break windows? Some do it  
locked up; but I do not mean them.  
people who do not want to be locked up  
habitually break windows? Who breaks  
s? Every one. You, and I, and Re-  
yon and I are wise people, and hold our  
from a window, unless we can get some-  
breaking it. Now Rebecca was a fool,  
er could keep her hands off a window.  
said she was nearly as bad as Hetty.  
is something very exasperating to a  
kind of mind in a smooth square of plate-  
One does not demand much, one only  
what nature will give, at any point, at  
of the year. Half and quarter tints,  
into one another, yet making a great  
and an "arrangement," as great as  
Heidelberg. That was all that Rebecca  
though she had never seen it, and could  
you exactly what she did want. She  
however, that plate-glass with gas behind  
rated her. So she was given to window  
she had never learned the subtle, in-  
delight and beauty of half tints. If  
a. She had learned it from Mr. Morley  
head and brown face. And now  
down stairs with Lord Ducetoy, of the  
blatant.