

on the letter, "his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns." The trouble with us has been, that fear has kept the public from us, which according to the old maxim, "there is no great loss without a small gain." Experience has taught us how to rid our ourselves of friend and foe: post on the door—"small pox," and you are sure to have no bills presented, and should you offer money to a creditor, he respectfully declines receiving it, as distance is preferable. "I don't want your money, go away, that tormenting disease." In the first place, we were visited with a slight attack of varioloid, and before we had recovered, our "better half" was attacked with a severe case of small pox, and so dreadful was the horror manifested by our friend * * * * *, that when we sent to him to get a plate, and had taken a Daguerreotype of Mrs. H., then returning the plate to be brought out over the mercury, this friend was so frightened at the likeness, that he could not possibly "consent" to "gratify" our "curiosity," by sending "another plate," which would in all probability enabled us to have taken a good Daguerreotype, so we were compelled to submit, but such as it is, all can see it, at our office, a true and faithful Daguerreotype of *small pox*. We would not have given this to the public, but a number of our subscribers have asked why the delay, and we could give no better reason than the above.

There will be twenty-four numbers of the Daguerreian Journal in one year, making a volume of 768 pages.

R. R. H., Ohio.—Mr. H. writes: "Will you have the kindness to inform me of the benefit of galvanized plates, *i. e.*, will galvanizing accelerate the operation."

If Mr. H. will galvanize one-half of a plate, then polish and coat in the usual way, he will find that the half which has been silvered, will work in one-third less time than the other half, thus proving that much depends upon the purity of the silver employed.

M. F., N. Y.—Mr. F. wants to know, "why cannot Harrison's bent tube and prisms, in his camera for taking views, be substituted for the speculum or reflector, and used with the ordinary camera?"

The new camera described in a former No. of this journal, takes a tube of only 3 inch. in length, and an aperture where the prism connects with it, of only $\frac{1}{8}$ inch., which would render an ordinary tube impracticable, without an expensive alteration.

"Is the prism in reality preferable to the mirror?"

It is, for the reason that it is a better reflector and also is much cheaper.

We don't know who made the "rouge." Send the communication; the "Gothamites" will be pleased. Try and you will "gain" him."

M. R. O., Ark.—Mr. O. writes: "Can you tell what is the cause of large white frosty spots which frequently come upon the plate."

These spots are occasioned by mercury, which may be thrown upon the plate by using the bowl or if you use a bowl or other dish for washing with hyposulphite wash, the mercury will collect in small globules and white powder; in washing these globules come in contact with the surface of the plate, thus forming an amalgam with the silver, which caused these spots. To prevent this, filter often, and wash frequently in a bowl or dish.

N. O. P., Tenn.; M. U. S., Va.; H. B. A., N. C. D. E., N. H.; and L. G. J., Miss.: See answers to L. J. G., page

J. B. A., N. C.; D. C., Ga.; T. J. G., N. Y.; C. H. G., Mo; and W. H. Tex.: See answers to C. T. T., pages 156, 18, 146

W. Z. V., Mexico.—We will attend to "the matter," but we could not say that he "is" yet we must confess that he has such a strong propensity for exaggerating *the truth*, that we cannot believe him.

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