

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WATCHES, JEWELRY & FANCY GOODS.
GEORGE F. TEBBETS,

DEALER IN

Gold and Silver Lepier, Lepine and Verge *WATCHES* of the finest finish. Warranted good time keepers at very low prices. Gold and Silver pencil cases, Spectacles, Thimbles, Guard Chains, Keys, Gold finger Rings, Knobs and Drops, Beads, Hoops, Bosom Pins Cameo and Stone of a great variety and of the latest styles. Silver Spoons and Butter Knives, Shell Combs, Cuttelry, Calf Wallets. Britanna Ware, Lamp Castors, Tea and Coffee Pots, Brass Clocks, Cloth, Hair, Tooth, Nail and Comb Brushes, Thermoneters, Perfumery &c. &c., All which will be sold at reduced prices, and every article warranted as represented or the money refunded.

WATCH REPAIRING & ENGRAVING.

MR. CHAS. W. THOMPSON is in my emply and will devote his attention to the repairs of all kinds of Watches, Clocks, Music Boxes, and Engraving, also Jewelry repaired at short notice.

Wanted, old Gold and Silver in exchange for Goods,
 LOWELL, 1845.

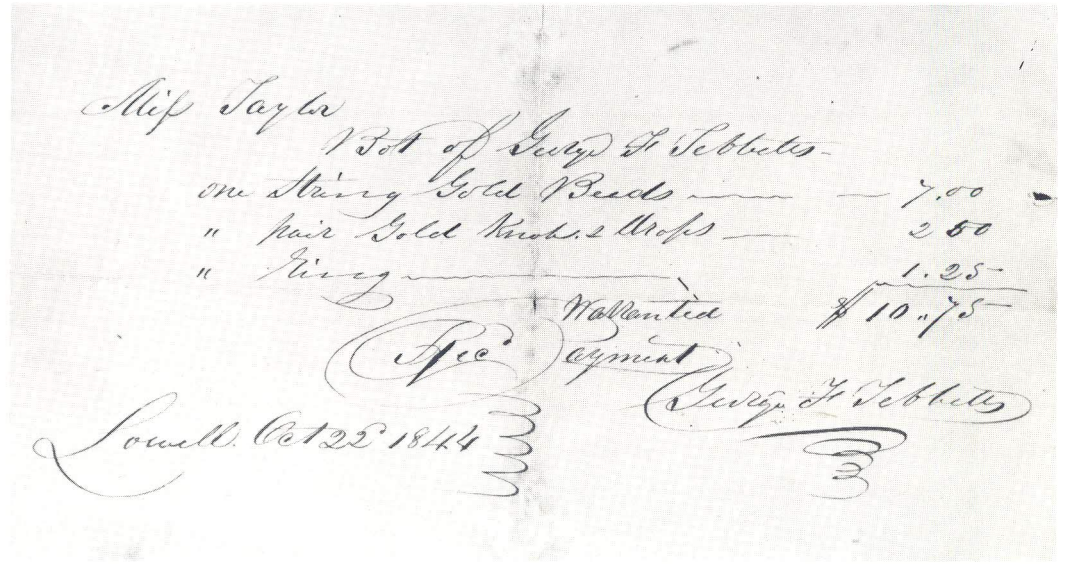
LOWELL FAMILY MEDICINE STORE,
WALKER & KIDDER,
 DRUGGIST & APOTHECARIES.

CORNER MERRIMACK AND JOHN STREETS,

Have on hand a complete assortment of *DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, FANCY ARTICLES, PATENT MEDICINES, &c. &c.*, Our stock is selected with great care, and warranted *equal* to any in this city, Particular attention paid to putting up physician's prescriptions, Medicine delivered at any hour of the night.

JOSEPH C. WALKER, SAMUEL KIDDER, Jr.

French Mineral Water, Put up in bottles for family use.



Miss Taylor	
	Bot. of Gerge Tebbets
	one String Gold Beads 7.00
	one pair Gold Knobs & Drops 2.50
	one Ring 1.25
	Warrentied \$10.75
	Rec. [P]ayment
	George F. Tebbets
	Lowell Oct 25 1844

(Left) Advertisement "Watches, Jewelry, and Fancy Goods"

Lowell Historical Society

(Right) Receipt for Barilla Taylor purchases from George Tebbets

Virginia Taylor Collection

SUICIDE. In this city, Sunday morning last, Mary Atkinson, late of Winthrop, Me., aged 17 years, committed suicide by taking arsenic. She left the mill by permission, for a short time about 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and obtained from an Apothecary in the westerly part of the city, an ounce of arsenic. She returned to the mill, and took, as nearly as can be ascertained, in powder, one-fourth part of the ounce. She soon began to vomit, and about nine o'clock the same morning left the mill and went to her boarding house, where she continued to vomit and suffer till about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Upon examination after death, the traces of the arsenic were perfectly distinct, and its effects on the stomach greater by far and more destructive than was ever before witnessed by any of the medical gentlemen present. On continuing the examination, her morality was found to have been perfectly good—entirely unimpeachable. It will be seen the quantity taken was enormous, and that the result was inevitable. The act was, no doubt, one of great inconsiderateness, and the termination was painful and melancholy in the extreme.—*Com.*

P. S. We were last evening shown by a young chemist of this city, arsenic in the metallic state which he had reduced from the contents of the stomach of this poor suicide.

Lowell Courier
6 June 1844

SUICIDE. Cordelia Crane, who has been in this city about three months, committed suicide yesterday forenoon by taking oil of cedar. She worked on the Massachusetts Corporation, and boarded at No. 33. A noise was heard in her chamber, which caused some one to go in. She was found lying on the floor, in great distress. Dr. Witt, who has been attending her for some time, was called in, but she lived but a few minutes. She was about 23 years of age, and belonged to Lisbon, N. H.


Lowell Courier
28 July 1845

SUICIDE IN LOWELL. We learn that a girl named Diantha Joy, who resided on the Lawrence corporation, committed suicide at a house in Belvidere, where she was visiting, on Saturday night last. She took two ounces of laudanum on Saturday night and died on Sunday morning about nine o'clock. She was the daughter of Comfort and Martha Joy, of Putney, Vermont. Her age 23.

Lowell Courier
21 January 1845

A Miss Mary A. Copp fainted in one of the Boott Mills, (Lowell) Monday afternoon. She fell between the lathe and the picker-box of her loom, where her head was dreadfully pounded —how long no one knows, for there chanced to be no one near to observe the accident immediately. The unfortunate girl was alive yesterday noon, but is despaired of.—*Boston Bee of the 21st.*

Lowell Advertiser
21 March 1845

 We have been told that two young ladies in the Massachusetts mills received a letter a few days ago, which stated that their mother, in a distant town in Maine, was lying dangerously sick, and wished to see them. They immediately left off work and went to see their mother, whom they found in good health. The letter was a forged one and they had been hoaxed, and at a cost of time and money, they returned again to Lowell to their work. This is a most despicable business.

Lowell Courier
19 July 1845

Lowell, Mass. Sunday July 14, 1844

Distant Parents,

It is with pleasure that I seat myself this morning to write to you to let you know of my health which is very good at present.

I was glad to see the girls and Dana. The girls were very lucky to get into the mill so soon. They went in the next Monday after they got here. They will make more after they get learnt than I shall, though their work will be rather harder. They say they get tired once in a while. They are well, and they say as happy as the rest of us. Mary and Climena work on the dresser and Else on the warper. They are about a mile and a half from me. I go over and see them as often as I can. That is not very often I can tell you. They have been over to see me twice since they have been here.

Ann Graham, if you know her, has got her hand tore off. It was done in the card room. I heard she has got to have it taken off above her elbow. We don't know but she will lose her life by it.

Susan Bacon is here and a lot more people that I know. Susan sent for me to come over and see her but I have not been. I have received two letters from you since I left home. The first I got about two months after it was written. The second in about ten days. Write to me as soon as you can. Write whether father has paid Uncle Elwin or not, for I should like to know. If mother would like to have me buy her anything and send her, I will. Or I will buy her something and fetch her when I come. I think likely I shall have more then. I should like to have her write what she would like to have me get her. Though if I stay till spring I think it a doubt if you ever see me again if my health is as good as it is now for I think of joining the association and going to the west next spring. I have got me three dresses within two months. Two of them cost me three dollars apiece. Six yards and 1/2 in the back, double width. Ten in the other, single width. I have a large cape like them both. I send you a small piece of them and piece of my cloak. The striped is like my dress, the plain like my cloak. I hope these few lines will find you all well. I should like to see all of you very much and Delano in particular. We have not heard from Dana since he went to Boston. I expect Byron has got home before this time. If I cannot see you, I hope I shall hear from you. Do not let anyone see this for conscience sake, for I am on the floor and my paper lies on a trunk. I have wrote all I can.

I have a small bill to pay to the doctor in the course of two or three weeks.

From your absent daughter,

Barilla A. Taylor

Letter from Barilla Taylor to her parents, excerpted, July 14, 1844
Virginia Taylor Collection

CITY LIFE

Excerpted from "Letters from Susan"

Dear Mary:

When I left home I told you that I would write in a week, and let you have my first impressions of Lowell.

... It all appears very romantic to me. The driver carried me to the "corporation," as it is called; and which, so far as I now can describe it, is a number of short parallel streets with high brick blocks on either side. ... Contiguous to these boarding-houses are the mills....

I have been out upon a long street, called Central street, and another long street, at right angles with it, called Merrimack street. There are stores filled with beautiful goods upon either side, and some handsome public buildings. There is a great hotel called the Merrimack House, which is much larger than any that I ever saw before, and near it is the Railroad Depot. I waited, one day, to see the cars come in from Boston. They moved, as you know, very swiftly, but not so much like "a streak of lightning" as had anticipated. If all country girls are like me their first impressions of a city are far below their previous conceptions, and they think there is more difference than there really is.

... As I walked along, and saw all the beautifully dressed ladies, I thought, within myself, that, with bonnets and dresses of an old style, they too would not be passable. You must know that they dress very much here—at least, it so appears to us, who have just come off of the hills, and been accustomed to put on our woolen gowns in the morning, and our better woolen gowns in the afternoon. Here they wear velvets, and furs, and plumes, and bugles, and all. I should wish to know a great deal to be dressed so, for I should think there was a great deal to be expected of one who made such pretensions.

I told Mrs. C. that the city ladies were not so pale as I expected. She said that many of them were painted, and that rouge was becoming more fashionable every year. She says that even some of the factory girls use it, and pointed out several highly dressed girls whose cheeks were truly of "a carmine tint."

I have attended meeting the only sabbath I have been here. It seems as though everyone went to meeting, the streets are so full on Sundays, but it is not so. Yet Lowell is a church-going place, and they say that they have good meetings and ministers....

Yours affectionately, Susan.



VIEW OF MERRIMAC STREET, LOWELL, MASS.

Merrimack Street was, and still is, Lowell's main street for shopping, dining, and other social events.