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On comparison of this analysis of the waters of the Delaware with other analyses of river waters, the fact is rendered apparent that new rivers exist whose waters are free from impurity, All causes of complaint which have arisen are due to the improper mode of storing the water for use. Open reservoirs, in which the water is kept uncovered for several days to stagnate in the hot sun, are perfect hotbeds for the growth of animal and vegetable life. This causes a great necessity requirement to their germination, light, heat, and air unimpeled supply of fertilizing mineral substances, and phenolates, saltates, carbonates and silicates of lime, soap, ammonia, etc., infinite numbers of minute seedlings sent forth into growing plants, which, in their turn furnish nourishment to innumerable swarms of living animals engendered from their embryos pre-existent in the water. The breeding of these microscopic creatures under favorable circumstances, is so rapid that in a very few hours the water will become alive with them. It was one of these animals, a species of Cladophora, that caused the "fishy" taste and smell of the reservoir water which has at two or three periods been so annoying, was due.

I have here a simple plan to suggest, which has occurred to me in considering this matter, and which, if adopted, would undoubtedly prevent all difficulty in all future times. It is to store the water unexposed in a cold cellar. Keep the water perfectly dark in the cellar. Store the water in the dark. Derive the organic germs of the light and atmosphere of the sun, which constitutes the heat, light, and air necessary for life of all creatures, in the water.

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EVENING BULLETIN
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1846.

St. Peter's Church

The present church is the 3rd church of St. Peter's Church, at the corner of 6th and Pine streets, and the taking down of this church with which it was accompanied, for the purpose of having it re-built, has been a matter of discussion within the last few days, and given rise to various discussions concerning the height of the new, the dimensions of the old, the height of the new, etc. We have collected together a variety of facts relating to these interesting objects, and the church itself, that we may be prepared to present conclusively to the clergy and the people. St. Peter's Church was founded in 1735, as a "Chapel of Ease" to Christ Church, and cost at that time $100. The first service was held in the house of John Weisgarber. In 1734, the church was granted a site in the burial ground of Christ Church, which was then owned by the Government.

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The bells of St. Peter's Church were made in 1796 and 1797 by John Weisgarber. The largest bell was cast in 1795 and weighed 9,000 pounds, while the smallest bell was cast in 1797 and weighed 500 pounds. The church has been a center of religious and cultural life for many years, and its congregation has been an important part of the city's history.