

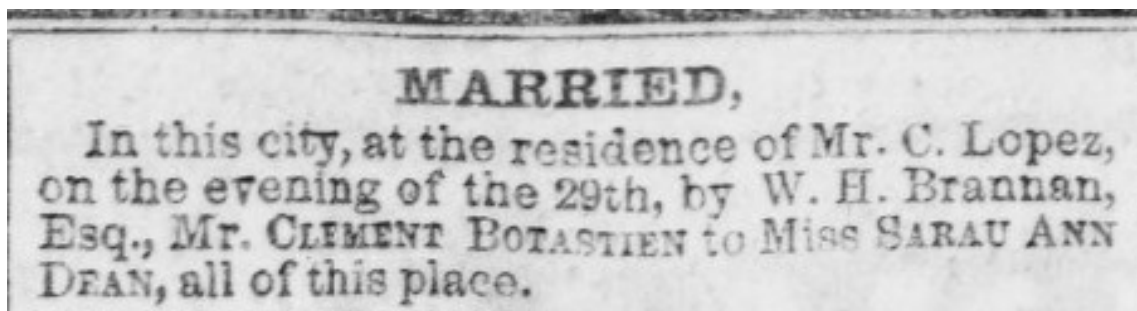
Today in Columbus History: On June 30, 1862, *The Daily Sun* carried a marriage announcement for a couple that had married the day before at the home of Cayetano Lopez, a cigar maker from Spain, who lived at 182 Broad. The last name of the groom appears to be Botastien – perhaps of French origin? But, no, the newspaper got it wrong (not unusual in the old days – particularly with unfamiliar names): the groom was actually Clemente Batastini, the patriarch of the local Batastini family. The bride was Sarah Dean, who was born in Alabama around 1843, probably the daughter of James and Elizabeth Dean. Clemente was born in Peano di Correglia, Italy, April 16, 1837. He came to Columbus in 1858 and began working in the cigar and grocery business. In the 1870s his occupation was “fishing.” Eventually he had his own successful grocery store in Rose Hill. Clemente and Sarah died in 1905 and 1899, respectively, and are buried in Linwood Cemetery. Both were members of Holy Family Church.

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Clemente Batastini. From [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) family tree.



Matchbook cover for Batastini Cleaners. Philip was a descendant of Clemente. From eBay.