







Miscellaneous.

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SHOULD MAN REJOICE?

Hail beautiful Spring! all nature at thy sight... Revives; with joy the little warbler sings...

THE COLUMBUS OF JAPAN.

While the great commercial and naval nations of the world are meditating some great expedition, our numerous whale-ships are really doing something...

Our readers may not be uninterested in the following facts and documents, relating to the adventure of a sailor belonging to the American whale-ship Plymouth...

On application to the agent of the Company in Honolulu, we learned that this young man received a good education...

JAPAN SEA, THE SHEE ISLAND, JUNE 18, 1848.

Tuesday—At 4 o'clock this morning all hands were called, the reefs shook out of the topsails, and topgallant sails were set...

After all his things were in the boat, he was towed astern by a line; two men stayed to help him to trim her. After the boat was trimmed...

Every man on board felt sad to see a shipmate leave the ship, under such circumstances. He was a good sailor, well educated, of firm mind...

He was a man of about five feet seven inches, thick set, straight hair, and dark complexion. It was his wish to be left here, and he agreed for the same, before we left port, a year before...

vised him until his boat was launched over the side, not to go on such a hazardous voyage; but no, his mind was not to be changed. E. P. F.

"THERE WERE GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS."

Professor Silliman, in one of his lectures, mentions the discovery of an enormous animal of the lizard tribe, measuring eighty feet in length...

The giant Galbara, brought from Arabia to Rome, under Claudius Caesar, was near ten feet high...

The giant Ferragus, slain by Ariando, nephew to Charlemagne, was eighteen feet high!

In 1599, near Rouen, they found a skeleton whose skull held a bushel of corn! and whose body must have been eighteen feet long!

In 1613, near a castle in Dauphine, a tomb was found thirty feet long, twelve wide, and eight high...

Near Mazarine, in Sicily, in 1516, was found the skeleton of a giant thirty feet high!

Near Palermo, in Sicily, 1548, was found the skeleton of a giant thirty feet long.

A LONG "TRADING VOYAGE."

The ship Coquimbo, Capt. Rogers, from Calcutta, arrived at Boston on the 6th of May, having on board two Chinamen, who were taken from a small boat, in an exhausted condition...

A New Fact Disclosed.—We were not aware, until recently, that the books of newspaper publishers are consulted to quite a large extent...

HEAVY VERDICT.—On the 11th of February, 1848, Ezra S. Corning, of Chicopee Falls, was injured by a collision on the Connecticut River Railroad...

An English paper contains thirteen reasons given by a young lady for declining a match—the first twelve being the suitor's twelve children, and the thirteenth the suitor himself.

NORWEGIAN WATER TELESCOPES.

An instrument which the people of Norway have found of so great utility, that there is scarcely a single fishing-boat without one, is the water telescope or tube...

MATRIMONIAL INCIDENT.—A Cincinnati paper tells of a funny incident, which recently occurred in that city:—A sturdy youth from the country...

STRANGE, BUT TRUE!—Some months ago, says the Rutherford (Tenn.) Telegraph, a man named John Scott, professing to be deaf and dumb...

ROGER BACON A PROPHECY.—In the works of Roger Bacon, who wrote in the 13th century, may be found in anticipation the invention of a steamboat, locomotive engines on railroads...

CIVIL ENGINEERS.—The New York State Institution of Civil Engineers, was organized in January last, at Albany. Its objects are, to promote friendly intercourse among the profession...

SIGNIFICANCE OF POLITENESS.—Mr. Willis, in the Home Journal, gives the following as one phase of American politeness:—

In the national principle of GET ON—without or without means—but, any how, GET ON! the art of persuasion has been pressed into the service of business...

HOE'S PRINTING MACHINE.—A Paris paper, Moniteur Industriel, of March 29, gives a brief sketch of Mr. Hoe's printing machine, now in use in that city...

BIRDS.—On the night of the fire in Eutaw, thousands upon thousands of birds of all kinds known to the country, circled in wild confusion over the burning mass...

VARIETY.

The amount of drugs, medicines and chemical preparations imported into the city of New York during one year prior to the passage of the late law requiring them to be inspected...

Bramboch, one of the persons condemned to death at Vienna for the murder of Count Lator, is the son of a female still living at a great age...

The number of steamboats on the Upper Lakes, up to the year 1825, was one. On the opening of navigation in the spring of 1849, there were on the entire length of the Lakes 145 steamers...

The mode of making tea in China is similar to that in which coffee is made in Turkey. The tea is put into the cup, boiling water is poured over it, and instantly covered...

The expiring words of Lord Tenterden, the celebrated Judge, are said to have been, "Gentlemen of the jury, you will now consider your verdict."

Lord Byron describes a party with which he dined, as follows: "Like most parties of the kind, it was first silent, then talky, then argumentative, then disputatious, then unintelligible, then altogether, then inarticulate, and then drunk."

A Madrid paper mentions that the Pope having gone on board a Spanish ship off Gaeta, tasted the bread, and (according to custom) pronounced it excellent...

The cholera is raging among the negro population at St. Mary's, La. Few white people are attacked by it, and the fact is accounted for by the difference in their habits of superior cleanliness and care.

A woman named Annan, whose husband had been sent to the Illinois penitentiary, committed a small theft for the purpose of joining him, and with her child of nine or ten months old, was sent to the same prison.

Swarms of locusts, or grasshoppers, have appeared in Texas, literally covering the ground in some places, and devouring the wheat and corn...

A subscriber to the Rochester (N. Y.) Daily Advertiser stopped his paper, the other day, because one of the proprietors was subpoenaed as a witness in a suit by an adverse party!

It is said that flowers placed in soap suds will retain their freshness much longer than if put into pure water.

There are seven Sunday papers published in New York, which have a combined circulation of not less than thirty thousand.

The criminals of Cincinnati are placed in chain gangs and keep the streets in repair.

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