







Miscellaneous.

MRS. SWISSHELM ON SLAVERY.

"It was ourself, Mrs. Swisshelm, not Mr. Riddle, who was threatened with a coat of tar and feathers in Kentucky, and this not for delivering a stump speech—

"We were young when there, in appearance not more than eighteen, and had been brought up in a country village, where we had fancied ourself somewhat of a belle and beauty.

"A few days after our arrival, a gentleman came to our boarding house and took rooms for himself and wife. When they came, whippers were circulated in all parts of the house, as to the probability of their being married.

"Nothing appeared so thoroughly disgraceful as work. This was the business of slaves; and it appeared generally conceded, that a white woman would secretly sell her honor rather than submit to the disgrace of working for a living.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

An important discovery, confirmatory of the truth of the book of Jonah, has been made by Mr. Layaed.

As yet we have only seen the beginning of the end. The city of Nineveh has scarcely yet been entered, and when the excavations shall have been completed,

Great credit is due to the British Government for the munificent spirit they have exhibited in aiding the labors of Mr. Layaed.

RESUSCITATION.

Dr. G. M. Sanders, of New Orleans, writing in the Delta, says: "I was called to Miss M., who was represented to be dying from the loss of blood, which was caused by the cut of a vein in the arm.

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among our amateur farmers. The California fever sinks into oblivion when compared with this. Choice hens are now imported for breed.

THE WIFE.

Hannah Moore, describing the character of the wife of the learned Dr. Kennicot, who "was the object, not only of his affection, but of his pride," makes the following valuable remarks:—

"There are certain ladies who, merely from being faithful or frugal, are reckoned excellent wives, and who indeed make a map everything but happy.

SUICIDE.—We learn that a likely negro girl, a slave of a passenger on the steamer La Fayette, drowned herself by jumping overboard, last Wednesday morning.

The above article, says the Worcester Spy, affords a very apt illustration of the moral influence of the slave system on the people among whom it exists.

THE PORT BOWLES.

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FIRST POETRY WRITTEN IN AMERICA.

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over his horse, the animal became frightened, and bounded off with great violence, striking his knee against a stump, and knocking off a piece of skin, which was found the next morning, and exactly fitted the part of the wounded knee of Berry's horse.

A GENTLEMAN.—Show me the man who can quit the brilliant society of the young to listen to the kindly voice of age—who can hold cheerful converse with one whom years have deprived of charms—

BEES PROGNOSTICATORS OF THE WEATHER.

Mr. J. A. Payne, author of the Bee-Keeper's Guide, says:—"I am not aware that bees have ever been placed in the list of those creatures which are said to foretell the changes of weather,

FATAL RESULT OF A BITE FROM A HUMAN BEING.

Dr. Dühr, of Coblenz, mentions the case of a police-officer whose right thumb was severely bitten while taking a man into custody.

THE CUCKOO.—The cuckoo, herald of the Spring, says an English paper, is a bird whose note is hailed by every person with delight.

COMBUSTION.—An ordinary candle consumes as much air while burning, as a man in health while breathing; the same may be said with regard to gas, oil lamps, &c.

EGG MATCH.—This entertainment, says the N. Y. Tribune, came off on Tuesday afternoon.

PETRICTIONS.—The New Orleans Delta says that about 60 miles above Georgetown, Williamson county, there is a valley of petrifications probably unequalled on the globe.

THE ROSE THAT ALL ARE PRAISING.

The Utica Gazette, under the above significant head, describes the beauties of an enormous and productive Rose Tree. It says:—"We saw last evening, in the greenhouse of Ambrose G. Howard, Esq., of Whitestown, a white rose-bush, which measures forty-two feet in length, and upon which there are now more than one thousand roses and buds just opening into bloom.

Variety.

A Hippotamus, intended as a present for the London Zoological Society, is about to be shipped in one of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's vessels, for Southampton, in April or May.

There are many men and women who would handle a watch, worth twenty-five dollars, with the utmost care, for fear of degrading its mechanism, while they would not hesitate to lay rough hands upon the feelings of others, worth twenty-five years of happiness.

A CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWARK DAILY ADVERTISER CLAIMS FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY THE HONOR OF PRODUCING A MAN ALMOST AS LARGE AS THE RENOWNED DANIEL LAMBERT.

He says that a man named Lewis Cornelius, who was born at New Brunswick, N. J., and died in 1841, at Milford, Pa., aged 48, weighed 675 lbs.

Mr. Ethan Campbell, of N. Y., styled a philosophical, practical, and experimental engineer, has taken out a patent in England for obtaining an improvement in motive power, by employing the vapor of alcohol as a substitute for steam, and using the same liquid over and over again, alternately generating and condensing the vapor, the apparatus being so constructed and arranged, that no escape of it to the atmosphere is permitted.

The number on the sick list at the West Point Military Academy, last year, caused some investigation to be made, and the surgeon represents the causes to be the inordinate quantity of tobacco used by them, and the practice of wearing the pantaloons so tight around the waist as to interfere with digestion, and cause many unpleasant symptoms.

A young Irish woman, about twenty years of age, named Sarah Ann Barclay, committed suicide at Pittsburgh, recently, by hanging herself with a rope tied to the transom of a door, in her uncle's house.

The Secretary of State, of Ohio, in answer to a call of the Convention, states that the number of white males over 21 years of age in the State in 1839 was 191,127, in 1843 it was 225,546, and in 1847 it was 352,000.

The Lancaster Gazette gives an account of an under-ground body of water, which it says lies beneath the highest point of the city, 27 feet under the surface, and 20 feet above Center Square.

In Brooklyn, a young man by the name of William Pool has been backed in the sum of \$25, to pick up, with his mouth, 20 eggs, placed one yard apart, and drop them into a basket without cracking a shell.

A gentleman asked a clergyman for the use of his pulpit for a young divine, a relative of his. "I really do not know," said the clergyman, "how to refuse you; if the young man should preach better than me, my congregation will be dissatisfied with me afterwards; and if he should preach worse, I do not think he's fit to preach at all."

It is related that when the British soldiers were about to march out and lay down their arms at Yorktown, Washington said to the American army, "My boys, let there be no insults over a conquered foe! When they lay down their arms don't huzza! Posterity will huzza for you!"

There are, according to statistics in Ewbank's forthcoming report, 1,000,000 milk cows in New York, which on the average yield in dairy products \$20 per year for each head, and competent judges estimate the gross value of the dairy product of the State at \$50,000,000 per year.

Judge Daly of New York has recently promulgated the decision, that a woman may not legally be held to answer for a breach of promise to marry, and that it is only the masculine gender who can be so held for refusing to consummate such a contract.

Littell's Living Age.

PROSPECTUS.—This work is conducted in the spirit of Littell's Museum of Foreign Literature, (which was favorably received by the public for twenty years, but as it is twice as large, and appears so often, we not only give spirit and freshness to many things which were excluded by a month's delay, but we thus extend our scope, and gather a greater and more attractive variety, are able so to increase the solid and substantial part of our literary, historical, and political harvest, as fully to satisfy the wants of the American reader.

The elaborate and stately Essays of the Edinburgh Quarterly, and other Reviews; and Blackwood's noble Criticisms on Poetry, his keen political Commentaries, highly wrought Tales, and vivid descriptions of rural and mountain scenery; and the contributions to Literature, History, and Common Life, by the sagacious Spectator, the sparkling Examiner, the judicious Athenaeum, the busy and industrious Literary Gazette, the sensible and comprehensive Britanno, the sober and respectable Christian Observer; these are intermingled with the Military and Naval reminiscences of the United Service, and with the best articles of the Dublin University, New Monthly, Fraser's, Tait's, Ainsworth's, Hood's, and Sporting Magazines, and of Chambers' admirable Journals.

The steamship has brought Europe, Asia, and Africa into our neighborhood; and we greatly multiply our connections, as merchants, travelers, and as men of all parts of the world; so that much more than ever it now becomes every intelligent American to be informed of the condition and changes of foreign countries.

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All the periodical journals devoted to literature and science which abound in Europe and in this country, this has appeared to me to be the most useful. It contains indeed the exposition of the current literature of the English language, but this, by its concise and comprehensive, includes a portraiture of the human mind in the utmost expansion of the present age.

Sabbath Tracts.

- List of tracts published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, including titles like 'Reasons for introducing the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment' and 'The Sabbath and Lord's Day'.

The Sabbath Recorder.

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