

Miscellaneous.

Louis Napoleon.

Charles Louis Napoleon, now President of France, is the son of Louis Bonaparte, (a brother of the Emperor,) and of Hortense...

In 1840, France was again under the influence of one of those popular frenzies which seem to seize upon it periodically, the cause of the excitement being the expected arrival of the remains of the Emperor from St. Helena.

Shortly after the Revolution of February, 1848, occurred, when rising from their haunts in all parts of Europe, the various members of the Bonaparte family hurried to the scene of action.

Eventful as his history has thus far been, recent occurrences indicate that another and a still more eventful chapter is yet to follow.

The Spider.

One day a spider fell by accident into a large glass vase, which had laid for a long time forgotten in a library. It was a large domestic spider, with a large oval abdomen, and its blackish back was marked with two longitudinal lines of yellow spots.

After all her toil, the poor spider herself was still without a lodging. She had a carpet on which she could walk in comfort, and a hunting net spread out, but still she wanted an apartment for retirement and a bed for repose.

As soon as her establishment was finished, our friend spent her days and nights near the mouth of her den, watching with unexampled patience for the arrival of some chance prey.

besides, there was nothing within the vase to attract them. Two months passed thus, and the poor prisoner grew extremely thin.

Every day, at the same hour, the master of the library threw a fly into the vase, and the spider repeated her former manoeuvres, with this difference, that she soon ceased to show any symptom of alarm when the hand of her feeder approached her.

After some time, instead of waiting until he had withdrawn, she used to start instantly on her prey, and eat it on the spot, without caring to retreat into her den.

The naturalist became very fond of his guest, and in order to try further experiments, he one day caught a fine male spider, and placed him carefully on the edge of the web.

Her master, curious to ascertain whether this piece of barbarity was the result of particular aversion to this ill-fated male, threw a second into the vase.

One fine summer morning, the library window being left open, a swallow flew into the room, hovered over the vase, saw the spider, and with one vigorous dart of his beak, left the naturalist to lament the loss of his interesting pet and companion.

Marl as an Ameliorator of the Soil.

Marl is a compound of the carbonate of lime mixed with clay, silica, shells, and other inorganic substances in various proportions.

When added to the soil its acts as an ameliorator in improving its texture and modifying its natural condition, rather than by giving materials for the growth of vegetation.

This substance cannot always be distinguished by the eye alone, but its tests are very simple and can readily be applied.

Upon calcareous soils, marl would, of course, be of little benefit unless the clayey kinds were used as a corrector and ameliorator of the lighter sands.

Upon all soils which would be improved by the application of lime, there is no question but marl may be used with immediate and important benefits.

—as it is to be procured at the mere cost of digging and carting—should incite to its use, that we may test, by actual experiment, whether it will produce the effects here which it has in other localities.

As to the amount to be applied, sandy lands need much less than clayey, and it is upon the latter that it produces the most decided effect.

—We believe in California, and always did. Our judgment was early made up and proclaimed, that its product of gold would exceed that of any other country known to History.

—We do not doubt the luck of a strong, willing, two-handed man, who knows how to chop, team, plow, dig, blast, &c., and can do three or four of them well.

Friends all over the country! be careful! Remember that 'all is not gold that glitters.' If you don't know how to make a good living here, we fear you will hardly improve your condition by crossing the continent.

—When a person subscribes for a paper, and gives directions where it shall be left, he is bound to pay for it, unless he prescribes the time for which it shall be left.

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—A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.—Of the three mules of using tobacco, smoking is that which seems to have insinuated itself most extensively among the youth of our community.

STATISTICS OF LABOR IN PARIS.—The following are a few facts lately pointed out by M. Blanqui, in his last lecture on Political Economy, where he is a Professor of that science.

The Earl of Spencer's homestead, about sixty miles from London, comprises ten thousand acres, tastefully divided into parks, meadows, pastures, woods, and gardens.

The Duke of Richmond's home farm, at Goodwood, six miles from London, consists of twenty-three thousand acres, or over thirty-five square miles.

stand in the stable, each being assigned to the care of a special groom. A grotto near the house, the ladies spent six years in adorning.

The Duke of Devonshire's place, at Chatsworth, is said to excel in magnificence any other in the kingdom. The income of the Duke is one million of dollars a year, and he is said to spend it all.

—The following experiment, communicated by a Pennsylvania farmer to the Germantown Telegraph, shows most conclusively the value of buckwheat as an ameliorator of exhausted soils.

—Last season I broke up about one acre of light, poor, sward land, which had been so much exhausted by long cropping as not to repay the expense of fencing and tillage.

—The experiment will, by its result, go far to confirm the belief that old soils, which have become almost hopelessly and irremediably worn out, may, by this process, be rendered speedily productive.

—A melancholy accident occurred lately in Venice. The Hercules of a Circus Troupe performing there was in the habit of holding three men upon his shoulders, in the form of a pyramid.

Representations have been made by a cultivator in the Rhine Provinces, that he has in his garden a bulbous plant called the Russian Potato, four or five feet in height, and yielding a third more sugar than the beet-root.

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VARIETY.

A letter in the Richmond Times states that a few days ago, while several men were engaged in blasting out limestone, near Buchanan, Botetourt County, they discovered a cave, with an entrance of some six or eight feet in height, and upwards of one hundred long, with two apartments.

A report will soon be presented to the Imperial Geological Society of Vienna relative to the production of Gold in Austria. Austria produces the most gold of any European State. It amounts yearly to 7,500 marks, which promises a sum of 603,000 ducats.

A Gibraltar letter from John E. Gowan, of Boston, contractor for raising the remains of the U. S. steamer Missouri, which took fire and sunk at Gibraltar in 1843, says that the work is going on successfully.

Elder Knapp, while preaching recently in Rockford, Illinois, observed many of his congregation sleeping. He stopped in his sermon, and requested the deacons to pass the contribution boxes, saying that he learned the society had not yet raised money enough to pay for the new bell, adding that there were some there who he knew would like to pay for their lodging, the usual price of which was twenty-five cents.

Students should not be furnished with unnecessary pocket-money, neither should they be allowed to contract debts in the village. Either member of the Faculty will superintend the financial affairs of pupils placed under their care, by special direction from parents and guardians, if funds are furnished in advance.

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