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Miscellaneous.

The Hippodrome. In the vicinity of the New York Crystal Palace for the Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations, several other buildings for show purposes are going up...

The Hippodrome. In the form of an ellipse, covering a space of 338 feet by 195 feet. A gallery extends the full circumference, 20 feet deep, allowing a passage way, and several tiers of seats, calculated to accommodate nearly 10,000 spectators.

It is stated that Franconi, with the most extensive troupe of performers in the world, may be expected to arrive here early in April, and it is determined that the vast establishment shall be opened to the public on the second day of May.

Penny Wisdom.

The following, from Dickens' "Household Words," are good specimens of the penny wisdom which is often little valued because it is so cheap.

Schoolboys display great skill in breaking their slates. Shall they be allowed to continue the exercise of this interesting practice, or shall we invite them to use the new Wurttemberg sheet-iron slates?

There are two Opposition Lines by way of Panama, of one of which the agency is with Davis, Brooks & Co., 26 Broadway; the other with E. Mills, 51 Cortland-st.

hibition, have made terrible havoc among the perfumery. They have found that many of the scents said to be procured from flowers and fruits are really produced from anything but flowery sources.

Chemistry is here the grand conqueror. Chemistry is indeed Nature's housewife, making the best of every thing. The clippings of the traveling tinker, as Dr. Playfair well says in one of his lectures, are mixed with the parings of horses' hoofs from the smithy, or the cast-off woollen garments of the inhabitants of a sister isle, and soon afterwards, in the form of dyes of brightest blue, grace the dress of court dames.

California, Australia, and the cost of reaching them.

We have received (says the editor of the N. Y. Tribune) many more letters than we can find time to answer, asking us which is the best way of reaching California or Australia—what is the total cost of the voyage—

The U. S. Mail Steamship Line (Howland & Aspinwall's) dispatches a steamship from this port for Navy Bay, Aspinwall, (Isthmus of Darien, near Chagres, and the Atlantic terminus of the unfinished Panama Railroad) on the 5th, 13th, 20th, and 28th of each month.

These prices do not include the cost of traversing the Isthmus, which is said to be \$10 to \$25, and is probably much nearer the latter sum than the former.

There are ships departing from our port each week for Sydney, Melbourne, or some other Australian port. The rates of passage vary, but are generally as follows:—Saloon, \$200 to \$250; First Cabin, \$150 to \$200; Second Cabin, \$125 to \$140, and still lower rates for steerage, where such are taken.

wise specified. The length of the voyage is nearly as great as that to California around Cape Horn—say from 100 to 200 days. One or two steamships are advertised to make the voyage this season, and will probably make it in 60 to 90 days, but they charge higher rates than sailing vessels.

The following general hints should be considered by those seeking passages to either of the Golden countries:—

- 1. Have no dealings with runners of any sort. 2. Buy no tickets of strolling agents, or other than responsible persons. 3. Always pay your money into the office of some respectable company or shipping house, and be sure that you receive in turn the proper acknowledgement.

Glimpses of Life in New York.

A writer in one of the religious papers gives the following view of life in the Eleventh Ward, New York:—

"We crossed from this District, [Five Mills], which seemed mostly peopled by English, with a sprinkling of Germans, Italians, and a few Americans, and passed into some of the streets and lanes of the quarter known as Little Germany, near the East River. We found ourselves in the grand market of rags, and were amazed at the vastness of the business growing out of the cast-off tatters of our City.

The London road, for a considerable distance before you arrive at Brandon, is now like a pleasant grove, adorned on either side with new cottages. It is protected from drift sand, and Macadamized, and is one of the finest roads in England, aside from the beauty and scenery of the place.

Singular Phenomenon.

Some months ago, Mr. Nicholas Fliat, of Great Valley, in digging a well, after excavating to the depth of about forty feet, and finding no water, determined to dig no deeper, as the space had already become so small that he was afraid, should he sink it deeper, that the sides would fall in, if he attempted to stone it up.

One day he heard a singular noise, which seemed to proceed from the well, and on going to it, he discovered that it was caused by a heavy draft of air forcing itself up from the well. This continued for some days, when the current of air became reversed, and there was a strong draft downwards; so much so, that light substances brought near the crevices in the planks were instantly drawn in.

der the control of the atmosphere—so that, in addition to its other singularities, it acts the double part of thermometer and barometer. For some hours preceding a change from a lower to a higher degree of temperature, the inhalations grow less and less, until it is finally imperceptible; then the air commences rushing out, the current growing stronger and stronger, until the weather has become settled, after which it again subsides, to await another depression of the mercury.

Reclaiming Land.

In the vicinity of Brandon, Suffolk, England, there is a great deal of land that has not been cultivated. It is a dry sand, and where attempts have been made in a dry season, after the corn (meaning grain) has sprung up, a strong wind has carried the corn and earth away together, and the labor and seed were lost.

It was then all open field. A certain quantity, say 10 or 12 acres, was planted around by fir trees. These trees broke the force of the wind. It was ploughed and then covered over with light short straw from the stable or cow yard.

The first experiment being thus successful, it was generally adopted, and now where it was nothing but flint and sand, neat little farms are seen, and many families are well supported upon them.

About the time this plan was adopted, a gentleman bought 100 acres on one of the most barren places conceivable. He there built a neat and substantial house, mostly of flint collected on his own land, and it was thought by lookers on that the man was mad, to build a house on such a desolate spot.

SHIP BUILDING IN MAINE.—Maine is the greatest ship building State in the Union; and perhaps no district of country in the world of equal maritime frontier can vie with her in this particular.

Handwriting.

At a recent sitting of the Academy of Sciences, some papers were read relative to handwriting. Among the facts stated, the most remarkable was, that no man can ever get rid of the style of handwriting peculiar to his nation.

The Poughkeepsie Telegraph states that the double track of the Hudson River Railway will be laid entirely through its whole length by the first of August next.

DUCK TRAINING.—Col. Jacques, who resides at the Ten Hill Farm in Medford, Mass., has a novel way of obtaining wild ducks.

cellent farmer, purchased them and carried them to his farm, where they were at liberty to roam over acres of marsh and upland; they became accustomed to his call, and do not now manifest the least disposition to emigrate. If a stranger enters the yard, they manifest the utmost alarm and make an attempt to fly.

Low Fares.

The large reduction in railroad fares during three years past, is noticeable. It is with in the recollection of every body, when it cost some \$12 to get from Buffalo to Albany, and twenty-four hours time at that. One hundred per cent. has been taken from the cost, and more than that from the time.

Ups AND DOWNS OF RULERS.—It is said that when Louis Napoleon had announced his intended marriage, and preparations were ordered to begin for the grand procession to Notre Dame, the inquiry arose where the State carriages were to come from.

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