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General Intelligence.

GRAT BRITAIN.—Mr. Cushing, in his recent letter to the New York Journal of Commerce, on the war prospects growing out of Annexation, gives expression to the following views and sentiments.

"In this, as in certain other cases, I have noticed with shame and concern, the disposition which some persons in the U. S. manifest, to consider whether Great Britain will be satisfied with this or that addition to the territory of the U. S."

The London correspondent of the Boston Atlas, thus notices the agreeable intelligence there of the payment by Pennsylvania of the interest on her public debt.

The packet ship Patrick Henry, which arrived at Liverpool last week, brought the gratifying intelligence that Pennsylvania has at last paid the State interest due on the 1st of February.

NEW WHEAT REAPER.—John S. Gallatin, junior, has shown us the Drawing and model of a new Reaping Machine invented by him, of a construction totally different from any now in use.

MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.—We are glad to learn that measures are immediately to be taken for the completion of the line of Morse's Magnetic Telegraph between Washington and New York.

WILLIAM C. RIVES.—This gentleman, after misrepresenting the wishes and views of the people of Virginia for six years, is about to be a candidate for the House of Delegates.

THE WHEAT INSECT.—A correspondent of the New York Mirror gives the following account of an occurrence which came under his own notice, and which may serve to throw some light upon the nature and character of that plague of farmers, the wheat insect.

In the spring of 1844, I placed a bag containing half a bushel of white flint-wheat in a seed drawer, under glass, and near the furnace of my green-house.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—One day last week, Mr. Harland, a citizen of Morgan county, Va. arrived here with a raft of lumber, and after transacting his business at this place, proceeded with part of his lumber to Harpers-Ferry.

PERSONS.—There is one act for which Congress always deserves the highest honor. It is the pension act to old soldiers and widows.

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THE MACHINE COMBINES LIGHTNESS AND SIMPLICITY IN CONSTRUCTION, WITH CHEAPNESS OF COST. Good mechanics think it will perform admirably.

HUMAN LIFE.—Hope writes the poetry of the boy, but Memory that of man. Man looks forward with smiles, but backward with sighs.

ACQUITTAL OF THE REV. MR. FAIRCILD.—The trial of Mr. Fairchild, before the Boston Municipal Court, terminated on Saturday evening in a verdict of acquittal.

THE PACING MATCH.—The great pacing match in harness, between the celebrated horses Tippecanoe and James K. Polk, two miles, and ten minutes, took place on the 27th ult.

ANCIENT COINS.—A great treasure has lately been discovered in Scotland, calculated to excite the cupidty of antiquarians.

The Edinburgh Witness, of a late date, states that a ploughman whilst at work on the farm of Philiphaugh, near Selkirk, came upon a bag of silver coins, buried about nine inches below the surface, which are described as follows:—There are about two hundred coins, all dated in 1600, and in the beginning of 1601.

A REMEDY FOR BUNSELLING.—The following plan is proposed in a Southern paper as a remedy for bunselling:—"Let it be enacted that the expense of supporting all paupers who are made through the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall be equally assessed upon the dealers in such liquors; let every man who takes out a license, be required to give ample security for the payment of his share of the tax, and let the public authorities see that the destitute wives, widows, and children of drunkards be well supported."

EXILES OF SIBERIA.—Letters from Stranburg, inserted in the Flemish papers, under the date of January 26, notice the arrival there, within the two preceding days, of a great number of prisoners escaped from Siberia.

SCARCITY OF BEEF.—We have been under the impression that the scarcity and high price of beef in this city was occasioned by the large quantities used by the packers.

A TALE CLAIM.—We claim for Judge Douglas, says the Upper-Mississippian, "the profundity of Daniel Webster, the attention to statistics of Col. Benton, the condensation of Mr. Callhoun, the clearness of Silas Wright, the logic of Mr. Crittenden, the sincerity of Buchanan, and the manliness and affability of Henry Clay."

HONOR.—"Honor" said his companion, with a sad and bitter shake of the head, "I have no cause to trust in honor; it has become but a mere name, the meaning of which has been lost long ago, and each man interprets it as he likes best."

RESPECTABILITY OF MARRIAGE.—Arrived at the age of twenty-five, and a possessor of a moderate stock, (the Columbus of the day) was swimming around the rest of the party, cherishing them and directing his movements while swimming, by the sound of their voices, which were raised, one and all, in prayer and supplication for deliverance.

THE HUMBLES CURRENT OF LITTLE KINDNESS, which flows through a creeping stream, necessarily flows, although it glides in silent secrecy within domestic walls, and along the walks of private life, and makes no other noise nor appearance in the world's pours, in the end, a more beautiful tribute into the store of human comfort and felicity, than any sudden and transient flood of detached beauty, however ample, that may rush into it with a mighty sound.

NOBILITY OF MECHANICS.—BY MISS M. E. WESTWORTH.

Tell on, sun-burnt mechanic! God has placed thee in thy lot, perchance, to guide the flying car that whirls us on from scene to scene, or friend to friend; bid down the warring waves of ocean, temper tost, or chain the red artillery of heaven.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROTESTANT CEMETRY AT ROME.—The protestant burial ground is particularly interesting to the stranger in Rome, for he does not know how soon he himself may enjoy a corner of it; and, in the words of Shelly, "it might make one in love with death; to think that one should be buried in so sweet a place."

THRILLING ADVENTURE IN THE MAMMOTH CAVE.—The following thrilling incident is related of a party who visited the Mammoth Cave recently:—"A wedding party went to the cave to spend the honeymoon. While there they went to visit those beautiful portions of the cave which lie beyond the river 'Jordan'."

LADIES POPPING THE QUESTION.—In the parlour of Darien, the ladies make every year a leap year, by asking the gentlemen they fancy to marry them, indeed the principle is exercised promiscuously by both sexes.

THE BENEFIT OF NEWSPAPERS.—On this subject the Salem Gazette thus faithfully discourses:—"The existence of newspapers is one of the most remarkable features of the difference between ancient and modern times. These sheets of intelligence now form an element in the condition of nations, which the ancients scarcely possessed in embryo."

CHARACTER INDICATED BY THE LAUGH.—How much of character is there in a laugh! You know no man till you have heard him laugh—till you know when and how he will laugh. There are occasions—there are humors when a man with whom we have been long familiar, shall quite startle and reel us up, by breaking out into a laugh which comes tight from his heart, and which yet we had never heard before.

INDIA RUBBER SHOES.—A factory of considerable extent has recently been erected in the town of Lisbon Hanover Society, about nine miles north-east from Norwich, in Connecticut, for the manufacture of a new article of India rubber boots and shoes, to be worn next the stocking.

WHAT IS PATRONAGE?

There is, perhaps, no word in the language more improperly used than PATRONAGE. The buyer of a yard of cloth, at the lowest cash price, on the longest credit, talks as firmly of patronage as though he had bestowed a signal and valuable favor; and the subscriber to a newspaper, reading hundreds of miles beyond the mountains, who has quarreled with the contents of his sheet time and again, and with remitted complaints and threats of discontinuance, twice, to whom lie has forwarded the amount of his subscription, once styles himself a friend to literature and a PATRON of the paper that he so regularly reads and so very irregularly pays for.

THEORY OF THE DOWNFALL OF ATHENS.—Pursuing incautiously her plans of ambition, Athens relied too confidently on the permanency of her resources, and neglected the economy of her revenues; and without, even considering the consequences which must follow, it together with the empire of the sea, her predominant power, vanish, and, with her monopoly of commerce, her riches should fail, she nevertheless neglected the value of her landed possessions.

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