The Leper Settlement in the Island of Mole-kal-Strange and Startling Sights Among the Banished Unfortunates.

The most startling and extraordinary community on the face of this earth is to be found on the island of Molokai, one of the small islands comprising the Sandwich islands group. The community is composed of the lepers found amongst the inhabitants of the other islands and compelled by law to reside on Molokai. Of the many foreigners who visit Honolulu there are few who have an oppor-tunity to visit the leper settlement. The government is very strict in granting permission, and but few outside prominent journalists, scientific men and an occasional tourist of distinction can re-

ceive the necessary pass. The passage by steamer from Honolulu to the island of Molokai occupied about ten hours, the channel being some eighty miles wide. The first point reached is Kalaupapa, the landing for the lepers. At this place, when distinguished visit-ors are expected, a string band, composed of lepers, greet the visitor with plaintive, mournful music, well fitting their isolation from the world and the grief, as we should think, within their hearts. As we look on the faces of the musicians the music seems weird at times, and as if coming from the mysterious caverns of For we can hardly imagine that intelligence, that the divine harmony of music, can be attributes of the unforturelate, apparently "as happy as the day is long." The flesh on their faces is rolled up in masses of a ruddy, copper colored hue, the eyes protrude through smaller layers, and the hand, looking short and stunted with the disease, seems as if it could not hold the instrument. The players are young, middle aged and old, all in the medium stages of leprosy; that is, the affliction is painfully visible, but there are no running sores, nor have holes been eaten through feet, hands or When these native musicians in the street. have finished playing they rush to greet old companions, and many is the hearty "aloha" (love to you) which passes between the lepers and their friends. Crowds of native lepers are on the beach extending their hands and expressing a hearty "aloha" to those they greet. The unfortunates express the greatest

joy at meeting old friends, and, as is formed into the most laughter loving who look on at all this are often subject to the wit and badinage of the lepers, and especially of the young women. Fortunately a young and roystering leper girl will approach a foreigner and extend her hand for a regular pump handle shake, but it often happens that the foreigner, though not lacking in gal-Then the girl will of the leper's touch. burst out in saucy laughter, and finish up with the expression of "Makau oe" (you are afraid). All the natives join in, and exclaim: "Makau kela haole" oc, a me honihoni kana" (come here, and taken care of ; he has lost his head." let us kiss lovingly), was the taunting salutation of a charming little lepress, whose affliction had not blotted out the traces of beauty in her cheek nor dim- subject. med the luster of her large, soft, dreamy eyes. The gentleman addressed courteously declined the proposed nectar, when all the lepers present, men and women, had a hearty laugh at his expense.

January, the first month of the year, consists of thirty-one days, and is said to have been added with February by

The leper governor is a man of un-doubted intelligence, a lawyer by pro-fession, and the best orator in the Hawaiian kingdom, whites included. ever has visited the Sandwich islands has heard of "Bill" Ragsdall. He it is who is chief executive at Kalawod. He is a half caste, his mother being a native and his father an American. He speaks English and native with perfection, and and has some knowledge of French. His knowledge of history is remarkable, and he is well read in general literature. He is apparently forty-five years of age, of light graceful build, polished in his manners, and, like all Hawaiians, hos-pitable to a fault. He first discovered that he was afflicted with leprosy in peculiar way. It was on the island of Hawaii, at his home, while hunting up points on a law case. By accident the chimney of his lamp fell off, and although it was almost red-hot, he suddenly picked it up and placed it on the lamp. Looking at his hand to see if it was burned, as any person would under the circumstances, he discovered that there was not a trace of a burn, much less the first painful sensation. It flashed upon his mind that he was afflicted with leprosy, and at once, with true heroism of soul, he informed the authorities, and voluntarily consigned himself to perpetual exile from wife, family, friends and the world. Owing to his talents and high position, being slightly afflicted, he might have escaped, but he preferred to obey the law.

The valley into which the lepers are located is nearly two miles and a half long, and apparently from a half mile to during Fillmore's administration, says a mile and a half wide. On one side is a mountain range, impassable except at one point, and there the exit is very dif-the President and his family and cabinet, and his father at his side, "As soon as aid of ropes and clinging to the branches of trees. On the other side is the foreveragitated ocean. Thus the lepers are secluded not only from the world but from such a contrast as that group and the the inhabitants occupying the other por baby in the sap trough?' It was indeed tions of Molokai. There have been a few a contrast. The President was a handescapes of lepers through the passage in- some man, of fine bearing, in the prime dicated, but it has always been a wonder of life; and his father was venerable, tall, how they could manage to escape by so and not much bowed down by his eighty steep, precipitous and dangerous an years; his full gray hair and intelligent When captured they are returned, but no penalty is inflicted upon there by his son, as no other father then water on the east side of the valley, a in his justice court in some log cabin of large water pipe furnishing a supply for the hospital and for other purposes. The Washington a few weeks, and Esquire valley is of volcanic origin. One of the Fillmore was to return home with me extinct craters is about a half mile in but one day I met him and he said: diameter, and 150 feet deep. The mid-dle of the crater is a beautiful little lake, emerald in its hue. The water is reported to be as salt as the sea, and contains it isn't a good place to live; it isn't a two or three kinds of fish. The natives good place for Millard; I wish he was at say the lake is unfathomable, and that it is fed from the sea. Glancing at the valley as a whole, it is most admirably fitted for the purpose to which it is allotted. The climate is genial, and if at times warm in summer, the nights are deliciously cool. In all the Hawaiian perfect for a leper settlement as this.

The denizens of the leper settlement manage to enjoy themselves in many ways, native and European style. There are 227 houses in the valley, mostly built by the government, for their comfort. There Proteslant church; also two schooluses, where the young are educated. Many of the lepers who are able to work the inmates were buried beyond reach,

have tare patches, where they plant tare and thus secure a fresh supply of poi, a delicacy dear to the native palate. They nearly all own horses, which they at times drive at a furious rate. The average Kanaka, no matter where you find him, is sure to ride his horse to death some day or another, and the women, in this respect, are the same as the men. But this is one of their great enjoyments. and they will indulge in it, even amongst the lepers. When not horseback riding, planting taro or otherwise engaged the lepers do a little legitimate loafing around "the country store," where they barter and trade or keep inquiring for letters whenever a vessel touches at Kalaupapa, the only landing at the set-No vessels are permitted to touch there except on special business connected with the lepers. Whenever a vessel touches it is a holiday for all the natives who are able to ride down to the landing. When foreigners arrive the natives are sure to reap a good harvest, because, though they charge nothing for the use of their horses, it is the custom to pay the owners whatever you see fit in return for this kindness. Some of the natives manage to accumulate a little money by trading and speculation.

Anecdotes of Commodore Vanderbilt.

One of Commodere Vanderbilt's associates in his various reilway enter-prises was Sam Berger, a wag as well as a director. At one of the meetings the of one who wouldn't be misundertood or nates standing before us and, strange to commodore said he didn't see how it wronged on any account: "Me saywas that Jay Gould got at all the facts and figures about New York Central. krowing anything about your roads,"

said Sam,
"How?" asked the commodore, "Elect him a director," was the re-ply. The autocratic fashion in which the old man managed the road is well

A speculator wished Sam to induce the commodore to go into an operation can make a million without the possibility of losing a dollar," said the hopeful

"No danger of loss?" said Sam, "None at all, and sure to make all the money we want," was the reply.

"We'l, I don't know about the joy at meeting old friends, and, as is man," said Sam, "but, if you feel so common with the Hawaiiaus and other sure about the thing, I have no doubt I Polynesian tribes, will sit down and cry with excess of pleasure for a quarter of an Sam got word one evening while a Sam got word one evening while at hour at a time. When the flood of tears | dinner that the commodore would like to has passed they are in an instent trans-formed into the most laughter loving food he repaired to the old gentleman's They seem to forget their residence, forgetting in his hurry to put physical condition and revel in the a cigar in his pocket. After the busi-most unbounded joy. The contrast from ness was finished Sam said: "Comtears to smiles is a very stronge physi- modore, you brought me away from my ological reaction. The foreign tourists domer in such a hurry that I didn't get my smoke! I believe I would like to try a cigat." (The commodore was smoking a fragrant Havana.)

"All right, Sam," he replied, "you will find a match on the mantelpiece,'

Sam smoked when he got home, The bearish Twenty-third street party were heavily short of Central. The lantry, will fail to respond, through fear commodore was buying all any one wanted to sell at constantly advancing figures. Sam happened in at the bear garden, and of course the talk was of the commodore's purchases. "I tell you," said one of the bruins, more savage than (that foreigner is afraid). "Mai nei the rest, "the old man ought to be "I don't see any one that I suspect of having found it," was Sam's quiet remark, and nothing more was said on that

The Month of January.

Numa to the Roman year, which previously had but ten months. It was named from the double faced god Janus, to whom its first day, which looks back upon the past year and forward upon that to come, was sacred. It had originally but twenty-nine days, but two additional days were given to it by Julius Cresar when he reformed the calendar. It was symbolized in Rome by a consul in consular robes, because those magistrates were installed in office the first day. It corresponded in the Athenian cale with the latter half of Peseidon and the first half of Gamelion. Among the Scandinavians it was called primitively month of Thor, and later Ice month. The French revolutionary calendar merged it in parts of Nivose and Pluviose. It was not uniformly the begining of the year among Latin Christian nations until the eighteenth century. It was not the first month of the year in England till 1752, when the Parliament, an act passed the preceding year, iltered the mode of reckoning time from the Julian to the Gregorian style that time it directed that the legal year, which then commenced in some parts of England in March, and in others in January, should universally be deemed to begin on the first of January. Anglo-Saxons called January

In a Sap Trough.

Millard Fillmore, in extreme youth, was rocked in a sap trough for want of a better cradle. His old pastor, Mr. Hosmer, describing a visit to Washington that he and Dr. Kendali went to one of we had been very cordially received, Dr. Kendall drew me aside and whispered: 'Was there ever since the world begun face at once drew attention; and he stood There is an abundance of fresh had done, as calm and self-possessed as western New York. I was to be in I said am going home to-morrow.' 'But why not wait for me?' 'No, no,' said he, I will go. I don't like it here; home in Buffalo."

Under an Avalanche.

A Denver paper says: One of those fearful visitations peculiar to all mountainous countries, and known in Coloislands there is not another location so rado as a snowslide, occurred at the head of Hall's gulch, sweeping the boarding house of the Whale mine a quarter of a mile down the gulch, and burying its in-They have their balls and parties, at which mates, eight persons in all, under a they trip the light fantastic toe, both in mountain of snow, from which the bodies cannot be rescued until the summer thaw reduces the drift. The boarding house contained six men, one woman and are two Roman Catholic chapels and one a child, and it is stated that one of these escaped, though a letter fails to confirm this item of good news, but says that all

"All Talk and No Cider."

Sam and Ben were two Indians, both uncommonly fond of cider. The missionary had a barrel of fine cider, and he iked to hold religious converse with Sam: "Why do you go to the minister's so often?" "To talk," was the reply.
"And what do you talk?" "Genesis,
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Exodus
and 'Pocraphy." "Huugh! Say it over. What else?" "Peter, Timothy,
Jonah, Ananias and Levitieus." "What else?" "Babylow Marks Indoor Toward Indoor else?" "Babylon, Moses, Judas Iscariot, Saint John and Nebuchadnezzar." "And then?" "Why then I get a mug of cider and go." The next Saturday night found Ben at the minister's. The latter was busy on a sermon, and was not talkative. Ben sat till there was a pause, and the minister looked up. Then he uttered, with a tone intended to be sweetly pleasing and attractive ; "Genesis, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Exodus an' 'Pocraphy.' The minister stared at him, but before he thought it worth while to say anything, his mind reverted to his sermon. Then Ben pro-ceeded in a tone of sadder earnestness: "Me say—Peter—Timothy—Jonah—
Ananias—'Viticus." "Ah, yes," replied
the clergyman, abstractedly; "very
true." He put away his work with a
sigh of relief, and then thought of setting to find out what his visitor really Babylon—Moses—Judas 'Scariot—Saint John—Nebuchadnezzar!" "Ben, what "I'll tell you how you can prevent his do you mean?" said the clergyman, at lowing anything about your roads," last startled. "Me mean," said the Indian, with calm dignity-"me mean-

A Human Breakwater.

The London Builder says: "The bursts of rain in the Carnatic are tremendous. As much as five inches of rainfall in a single night is not infre-"If the commodore will take a hand we quent, and Sir A. Cotton has known as much as nineteen inches of rain to fall in that time. The smallest rill that is allowed to trickle over the edge of an earthen bank wears itself a passage and becomes a destructive torrent with extreme rapidity. On one occasion the water in the Veranum tank is said to have overflowed the whole twelve miles of the bund, and to have breached it in thirteen places. On another occasion the engineer in charge of a bund, finding the water rising with more rapidity than he was able to meet by the supply of earth, made a wall of the bodies of his laborers, causing them to lie down close to one another on the top of the threat-ened part of the dam, and thus keeping back the two inches or three inches of water, which, if unchecked, would soon have wrecked the whole bund and ruined a wide district, until their places could be supplied by basketfuls of earth. It was an original expedient, but it saved the district. What the laborers said about it we have not heard.

The American School System.

Wendell Phillips thinks the public school system of the United States is very faulty. At the American Social Science meeting the other day he said: "The fact is that many young people, graduates of our public schools, are not capable of doing any work for which any one should pay a dollar. Thousands of our public school graduates cannot write a decent letter at fifteen, nor even read a newspaper well. The old New England system, which made a boy work six months by his father's side on the farm or in the workshop after be had been six months at school, was better than the present one. From such a system it was possible to get such a man as Theodore Parker, Now, the public school hands a child to its parents with no means of earning its bread." He said he was ashamed of the schools of Boston, when their work was compared with the education given to a Canadian Scotch or English woman of the working classes. These women knew how to write better letters, and could spell more correctly than their American prototypes.

Come Now and Let Us Reason Together.

Why do people so frequently say to Dr. Pierce: "I suppose your Golden Medical Dis-covery cures everything?" Because it has been the practice of knavish charlatans to manufac-ture worthless nostrums and attempt to dupe the ignorant and credulous by recommending them to cure every form of disease. To such an extent has this been practiced that it is no wonder that many have acquired prejudices against all advertised remedies. But Dr. Pierce does ot advertise his standard preparations as cure-alls," does not claim that they will perform miracles, but simply publishes the fact that they have been developed as specifies for certain forms of disease for which he recom-mends them, after having tested their efficacy in many hundred cases with the most gratifying in many hundred cases with the most grain in success. It is a fact known to every well informed physician that many single remedies possess several different properties. Quinine, for instance, has a tonic quality, which suggests its use in cases of debility; an anti-periodic, by which it is efficacions in ague; and a odic, by which it is officacious in ague; and a febrifuge property, which renders it efficacious in cases of fever. The result of its administration will also vary with the quantity given and the circumstances under which it is employed. So, likewise, the Golden Medical Discovery possess both pectoral and alterative, or bloodsesses both pectoral and alterative, or blood-cleansing properties of the highest order. By reason of these two prominent properties it cures two classes of diseases. First, those of the respiratory organs, as throat, bronchial and lung affections, chronic coughs and asthma, and second, diseases of the blood and glandular system, in which affections all skillful physi-cians employ alteratives, as in cases of blotches. eruptions, ulcers, swellings, tumors, abscesses and in torpor of the liver or "biliousness." While its use is, by its combination of properties, suggested in cases of pulmonary contion, yet you need not take it expecting it will cure you if your lungs are half consumed, nor because it is recommended as a blood medicine would its proprietor advise you to take it ex-pecting it to cure cancer. It will not perform miracles, but it will cure many grave forms of

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