### LETTER FROM PARIS.

The Emperor and the Legisluture-The St. Helens Banquet-The Veteraus of the Empire in Convention-Resignation of a Member of the Legislature-More of the Doings of Mons. Mire, Etc. Special Correspondence of the Evening Telegraph. PARIS, March 23, 1863.

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THE ANSWER OF THE EMPEROR TO THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY.

It was expected that the Emperor would avail himself of the opportunity of the presenting of the address of the legislative body to pacify the country, which is kept in a state of constant suspense by one tuing and another; and that he would assure us that he had come to an amucable understanding with the Government of the United States to evacuate Mexico very shortly; and, finally, that he was ready to accord every kind of liberty to the people of France. However, hope total a flattering fale, and we have again been doomed to disappointment; for the Emperor, in his answer to the address, tells us that he is perioctly satisfied with his ministry, which he thinks is pursuing the right course, and he has no desire that it should depart from it. The best thing to be done is to let well alone. He is of opinion that France, at the present moment, enjoys as much liberty as she can bear, etc. etc. So you see our master fancies everything is for the best in the best of the worlds.

The Emperor's answers has given very general dissatisfaction, for there is now that universal thirst for liberty which has so often been the precursor of revolutions.

Those members who assisted at the presenting of the address do not seem to be very charmed with the disposition of the Emperor, and the last bon mot new circulating is that man proposes, God disposes, and the Emperor indisposes.

THE SAINT HELENA BANQUET, which every year brings together the veterans of the first Empire now living, was as usual held on the 10th of March. On that day a few shaky old gentlemen, after having paraded the streets of Paris, and placed a c own of immortells or everlasting flowers on the railing of the column of the Place Vendome meet in a spiendid banquet hall, and partake of a magnificent dinner offered to them by the Emperor. Mons. Be'mondel presided, and several loyal tonsts were drank by the vivants of the visible gardens. Several relics of the first Emperor, such as a piece of his coffin, an old hat, and a branch of the weeping willow which overhung his grave, were handed round and gazed upon with religious veneration by the assembled pensioners; a few years more and the last of these ido ators will have disappeared, for their numbers are rabidly decreasing.

RESIGNATION OF MONS. DE BUSSUN. The honorable member for the department of the Lower Rhine had last autumn premired his constituents to urge the Government to adopt a more liberal policy; but finding that such a step had become unnecessary, in consequence of the promises of the Emperor to crown the edifice as soon as it became expedient, he retused to give the tiers parti which voted the amendment; the consequence is that he feels himself in honor bound to throw up his seat, and again present himself before his constituents,

For some time past things have not gone very swimmingly with our French Protestants, who are divided in two camps-the one orthodox, and the other liberal or broad.

MONS. MARTIN PARCHOUD Having lately incurred the displeasure of the Consistory of Paris, for having expressed liberal opinions on the pulpit, was suspended for a time by that body. Mons. Paschoud, backed by several members of the church, has obstinately refused to bow to the judgment of the Consistory, and the consequence has been great dissension among the members of the reformed denomination. The matter has been referred to the State, which will be called upon to decide in a matter or some importance to the friends of Profestantism.

MONS. MIRES, THE GREAT STOCK JOBBER, or the modern Law, as he is called, is again plaving a part in the financial word. It is well known to

Mrs. Bigelow, the wife of the United States envoy, 1 was a most orilliant affair, as all the creme of Parisian society were present, and everybody agreed that the charming ambassadress did the honors a ravir. Mrs. Bigelow's guests had an opportunity of ap. plauding Muss Reynolds, an American contratrice of much merit, who has made herself a name in the musical circles of our capital, as well as Signor Brignoll, first tenor of the New York Opera.

Mons, Pereire has invited the members of the Par-Isian press to go over the two new steamers of the Transmiantic Company-the Napoleon III, and the Percire. Mons. Peretre pays all expenses to Havre and back. On ne piut faire miem.

## Original MS. Copy of "The Star-Spangled Banner," by the Author.

From the National Intelligencer It will be gratifying to the public to know that there is an accessible copy of Francis S. Key's national coul-stirring poem, in his own hand-writing—a copy prepared, too, many years after its composition, and evidently in the exact language inteners by the author as it was not anguage intended by the author, as it was pre-sented by him to the late esteemed James Maher, for more than thirty years the gardener of the Executive Mansion, well known for his extra-ordinary enthusiasm on the subject of American victories over the British.

The copy referred to has for some days been on exhibition in the window of Messra, Philip Solomons, and the identity of the handwriting a Solonons, and the identity of the handwriting is certified by Judge Dunlop, Nichotas Callan, Esq., Hon. Peter Force, and Joseph H. Bradley, Esq., all of whom were intimately acquainted with Mr. Key, and perfectly familiar with his style of penmanstup. In fact, his style was so peculiar and so uniform that it would be almost impossible for any one who had ever noticed it with ordinary ways to be withole.

with ordinary care to be mistaken. The peculiar circumstances in which the author was placed at the moment of the inspira-tion that resulted in the immortal song, and during which it was partially written, add per-

during which it was partially written, add per-tinency to the language and lorce to the thoughts so musically expressed. The 'American Cyclopedia' contains the fol-lowing paragraph.—"Francis Scott Key, an American lawyer and song-writer, born in Fre-derick county, Maryland, August 1, 1779, died in Baltimore, Jaconary 11, 1843. He was edu-cated at St. John's College, Annapolis, and com-menced the practice of law at Frederick City. menced the practice of law at Frederick City, "Subsequently he removed to Washington,

where he was for many years District Attorney of the District of Columbia. As a song-writer he is chiefly known by his "Star-Spangled Banner," a popular national lyric, suggested and partially written while the author was detained in the British fleet during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, near baltimore, of which he was

an interested witness." According to the best information within our reach, he was picked up in a small boat while going to the British fleet to obtain the release of a friend, and having been detained over night as prisoner, was an unwilling spectator of the hombarament; and by the light of rockets and bursting shell, he and his companion, to whom t would seem he addressed himself in the poem, could catch occasional glimpses of the loved flag till flying denantly over the fort that protected laltimore. Hence his language, "the clouds of the fight.

He also heard the vaunting boast of a British officer, that the fort would be reduced in a brief period after the attack; and this circumstance explains the use of the pronoun in the singular number in the line, "This blood has washed out

is foul footstep's pollution." "The change of "on" to "o'er" in the line "\* \* now shines on the stream," is positively unpardonable, as it does not present the glori-fying picture intended, by the author, viz., the reflection of the flag from the surface of the

water. Looking down upon the blood-stained deck of the vessel after the bombardment, he was in-spired to the use of the exultant language,

This blood has washed out," etc. We give below a verbatim copy, italicising the words that have been changed by various compilers, and referring by numerals to some of the changes that are most common :--

#### The Star-Spangled Banner.

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far as can he ascertained, has made a good

thing of it. There are, it appears, a few members of the Stock Exchange who vary the monotony of watching the market with rapping the tables, watching the market with rapping the tables, and who, after bulling and bearing time is over, give themselves up to the practices of spiritual-ism. Among these pillars of commerce a sub-scription was made for the purpose of defraving the expenses of Coleman's defense, a subscription so good that, if report may be believed, the martyr has considerable balance in hand. An-noyed at this, and at the fact baving gone forth to the world that Mr. Coleman is a stockbroker, certain gentlemen of the Stock Exchange have decided on presenting a testimonial to Mr. Sothern as a mark of their esteem.

#### Royalty, the Measles, and Castor Oil. From a late Paris letter.

The most alarming reports have been in cir-culation within the past week regarding the health of the Prince Imperial. It was reported that he had the smallpox, and was dangerously ill. At length the *Monileur*, however, published a bulletin informing us that his little Mightiness only had the measles; and the last report is that the malady, having pursued its regular course is now diminishing in violence, and the state o the Prince is highly satisfactory. It certainly does detract somewhat from the dignity of propective sovereignty to have it acknowledged that a Prince Imperial can be afflicted with such a vulgar disease as the measles. The Empress, like a true mother, with a more than imperial heart, is said to watch day and night at the bedside of her darling. I recollect some years since I was forcibly

I recollect some years since I was forcibly struck with the idea of our common humanity and human failings and weakness, from which even the loftiest were not exempt, when, hap-pening to stop at my druggist's one day, he con-fidentially informed me that he had just sent a dose of castor oil to the Princess Clothilde. What is the advantage of being a Princess if one has to take castor oil?

-A new candidate has appeared for the vacant chair in the French Academy, which it was sup Martin. M. Cuvillier-Fleury, the literary critic of the Journal des Debate, is now spoken of, as he is strongly supported by Cousin and other influential members.

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all those in any way acquainted with what takes place in Paris, that Mires, the Jewish banker and speculator, was, some years back, the money man of the day, and it was at one time thought that he would soon rival Rothschild in wealth. He was the owner of several streets in the new part of Paris, and the passage between the Boulevard des Italiens and the Rue Richelien, now ca led Passage des Princes, formerly Passage Mires, was his property. However, it appears that all was not quite right with the famous jobber, for one day he went down with a run, and soon disappeared from the financial world. He has, however, again appeared on the scene of action, and many prophesy that he will one day be again on the top of the tree, as the Mircs schemes, which had almost fallen to nothing, are rising rapidly every day. The shareholders remember the last words of Mires at the general meeting held three years ago, "Let me work in peace, and I will pay you all." FOREIGN MATTERS Foreign questions are of very meagre interest at

present. It is feared that the carrying out of the Convention of September 15, with the Pope, will be attended with some difficulty ; but sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. The Austrians and Prussians are again at loggerheads, and it is leared that the great Toutonic powers will be obliged to settle their differences by appeals to arms. The Conference now sitting in Paris is said not to be able to come to terms with respect to the seitling of the Danubian question; but as all this is on dit, the least said about it the better. I will now leave such grave matters as policies and finance to entertain you with matters hore familiar. The spirits of our Emperor have not been the best of late; he has had many things to worry him ever since his retarn from Compeigne; he may well have exclaimed with Schiller on his re. turn from the country :--

"Die ischonen tages von Aranjuez sind vorüber,', (the pleasant days of Aranjasz are now gone by.) Ever since he has again had to attend to the afflirs of State, one vexation seems to have succeeded another-his opposition to the wishes of the people has made him rather unpopular of late, and he is no longen greated with the cruss of Vive l'Emperor, as formerly. A few evenings ago he and the Empress went to the Odeon Theatre to witness the first per. formance of a new play, entitled La Contagion, on his arrival, the numerous students standing about the place de l'Odeon's cried out, do not destroy the Lux. umburg, etc., which very much displeased his Majesty, who the next day seriously reproached the Minister of State for not having given stricter orders to the police to prevent any offensive demonstration.

Our Lenten amusements follow their steady course The latest hit has been the appearance of Liszt, the well-known planist, who some time back, being sick of the vanities of this world, not ordained a priest of the Holy Catholic and Roman Apostolic Church. The new Abbe has been housed to his heart's content in the gay capital. A few days ago a mass of his composition was sung in the Church of St. Enstache before an immense praying congregation. The tickets, twenty france a piece, brought in a fine sum, which will be appropriated to charitable purposes. Liszt, instead of spending his time in prayer and meditation, is to be seen among the gayest of the gay.

Most of his evenings are spent in the charming musical reunions held at Rossini's, the evergreen composer of the pair of operas, It Barbiere and Semiramis. We are now obliged to forege the drama, as we are in Lent; but evening parties are succeeding each other rapid succession. The last soirce of Coleman has not merely got off cheaply, but, so

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