

OLD FRIENDS. The old, old friends! Some changed, some buried; some gone out of our sight...

that was enjoyed by the master and his family. While they were warm and comfortable, the servants were salvering down stairs...

THE FIREPLACE AND ITS HISTORY. There are some people who delight in conjecturing as to what we should have all done there had been no water in the world...

It is singular to think that there has been but little improvement in grates from the time they were first introduced. As we sit in front of our grate-fires in this nineteenth century...

THE EARLY RECORDS OF AGRICULTURE. The early records of all ages refer to a time when fire was unknown. When Magellan visited the Marian Islands, in 1521, the inhabitants believed themselves to be the only persons inhabiting the globe...

Mr. Emerson has said in one of his essays, that for every step civilization takes forward, she takes one backward; and, doubtless, there is much truth in the assertion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. A son of S. E. Huntington, of Norwich, Connecticut, was recently very badly bitten by a ferocious dog belonging to Oliver L. Johnson...

The death of a Hawaiian author is announced. S. N. Haleole, the author of the story of "Lanauka," which was published three years ago, died suddenly on the 22d of October...

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The Italian Government has just appointed as Ambassadors M. Mamiani, Senator, at Constantinople; M. de Barral, at Vienna; and M. Doria, at London.

Families inhabit a large hut or house, which, having a fire in the midst, serves to warm them by day, and to sleep round by night.

Queen Victoria has appointed Ismail Pasha, Viceroy of Egypt, to be Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

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FOR BOSTON.—STEAMSHIP LINE DIRECT. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for Boston, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. OFFICE IN LONDON. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for London, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

STAR LINE FOR NEW ORLEANS. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for New Orleans, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

EMPIRE LINE FOR SAVANNAH. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for Savannah, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

TO SHIP CAPTAINS AND OWNERS. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for London, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. The steamship "Lion," sailing on Friday, January 19, at 10 o'clock, for London, calling at Queenstown, Cork, and London.

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