Winter's Harvest. Pure and blue is the broad, broad sky-Cold and hard as a sapphire stone;
The flowers are all of them frozen and black,
And we seem left alone. Now Summer's toil And the leaves are gathering in. The popla," turned to a pillar of gold;

The alder's crimson and dead: The beech is b, azen and glowing; The sycamore's fusty red. The glory's gone, The year fades on: And the leaves are gath Ting in. In the cold and peaceful synshine, The dead leaves fill the sk'es, Floating, floating, drifting, Lake golden butterflies. For Summer's toil Is Winter's spoil; Time's barvest is gathering in,

## OUR PARIS LETTER.

SPECIAL PARIS CORRESPONDENCE OF THE EVEN-ING TELEGRAPH.]

Paris, February 25. The Change in the Constitution. The work of the French Senate has been singularly augmented by this change.

That body will no longer have to examine laws only in the constitutional point of view; it will have to consider them in every possible light. We have, therefore, a second discussion created in the Senate. That being the case, it seems proper that the right of returning the bill should be carefully limited.

How is that course to be demanded? In what form? By how many bureaux? By how many Senators? How will the examination

The Senatus-Consultum gives no explanation of all this. There are, however, other principal points. If a proposal of return made by a few isolated members were sufficient to bring on a fresh disunion, anarchy would ensue. It is impossible to regulate with too much care the position of the two Chambers, or to watch over their mutual good relations with too much solicitude. The difficulty relative to the Emperor's arbitration ought also not to remain in the limits of the preamble; it ought to be solved by the test of the Senatus-Consultum.

The Siècle, a leading opposition paper, shows itself less liberal than the Government. It would wish that a Senator should not be allowed to speak or to examine a law till after he had been authorized to do so by a certain number of bureaux.

The restriction would subject the right of discussion to a regulation which might impede it every moment.

Business will be conducted in the Senate as it is in the Legislative body. Every Senator, like every deputy, will have the right of discussing, and it is the Assembly which will eventually decide.

M. Thiers and M. Jules Favre are the first who intend using the new right of interpellation. The former intends, it is said, asking for some explanation about the line of conduct followed by the Government of the Emperor as regards Germany, and the members of the Provisional Government in 1848 will touch upon the unfortunate Mexican expedition.

The public in France seems now to be very apathetic as regards the debates in the present session.

The Great Exhibition.

The Exhibition is the general theme of conversation. It is now generally believed that, the work being so backward, it will be utterly impossible for it to be opened on the 1st of April next.

The resplations as to the prices of admission have now been published. The Exhibition will be divided into three departments-the main building, with the Park, the Horticultural Garden, and the Billancourt or agricultural department. For each of these departments there will be a separate charge. The first week of the Exhibition will be quite exceptional, and after this prices will vary, according to the hours of the day, from 50 centimes to two and a half francs. One feature of the arrangements will be a splendid thing for the photographers. The authorities invite season ticket-holders to deposit their photographs, and to have a duplicate on the back of their ticket; and this system will in part be compulsory in respect to the weekly tickets. Season tickets have already been sold to a very large extent, and it is considered "the thing" to have your portrait affixed to the back.

Prices in Paris During the Exhibition. There is no doubt but that foreign journals very much overstep the mark when speaking of the rates that will have to be paid for apartments, etc., during the exhibition months: but undoubtedly the Parisian hotel-keepers and lodging-house keepers expect to reap a fine harvest; and why they should not it would be hard to say. But while commercial Paris tries to take every advantage of the law of supply and demand, it will be well for them if they do not let their vaulting ambition " o'erleap itself," and fall on the other side. There are very "great expectations" here in Paris, and some of them will probably be followed by discomfiture, but that immense sums of money will be spent in Paris between April and September, at least is beyond doubt.

English and Americans will come here in scores and hundreds and thousands. It is said that about 80,000 berths have already been applied for in steamers from the other side of the Atlantic, and there is a talk of the Great Eastern bringing over 2800 at a time.

That the proprietors of hotels and restaurants, and those that have appartements meublis ou non meublés and chambres garnies to let, will try to make the best they can of such a swarm of locusts, is only reasonable to believe.

The Swiss are not usually remarkable for their extravagant expenditure, and some gentlemen from the land of mountains and glaciers intend, on dit, to camp out in the Phare

des Princes. Some one, by-the-way, suggested a tent to public,

M. Cook, the excursion manager, but he at once rejected the idea, as inconsistent with John Bull's notion of comfort. There is a rumor that the English Channel fleet will pay a visit to Cherbourg during the Exhibition. Verdits "Don Carlos,"

Almost everything is ready for the first performance of this long-looked-for opera.

Ponsard's Galileo is now also waiting to emerge from prison. However, as Carnival is at hand, it is perhaps likely that it will be allowed to pass over until these two pieces be

Among the novelties talked of as forthcoming during the era of the Exhibition is a reproduction of nothing less than the genuine English drams of Jonathan Bradford, for the benefit, it is to be presumed, of English andiences, wito, however, as a rule, will much prefer seeing something essentially French.

Miss Laura Harris, the American prima lonna, is engaged to sing during the summer at the Salle Ventadour. Miss Harris was a fellow-pupil with Patti.

Alarming News for the Wearers of "Chignons,"

The London Lancet tells a curious and most larming story about false hair, which we copy or the benefit of the wearers of chign ons:-

"We should be sorry to say anything that would unnecessarily disturb the peace of ladies in their compliance with the present remarkable fashion of wearing chignens. The custom may seem very remarkable to the male half of mankind, but this objection would apply to many of the fashions by which adjes consider that they adorn themselves, and so must not count for much. A more serious objection, and one more calculated to have weight with English ladies, has been started, according to a correspondent of our own, by a Russian professor, M. Lindemann. According to this authority, seventy-six per cent, of the false hair used for chignons and similar purposes in Russia is infected with a parasite to which he has given the name of gregarine. The gregarinous hair, it is said, is ery like other hair in appearance, but on close inspection little dark brown knots are seen at the free end of the hair, and may even be distinguished by the naked eye. These are gregarines. These parasites have a most gnoble ancestry and habitation, being found in the interior of the pediculus capitis. It is only due to them, however, that these statements should be verified by other observers before we give all the particulars of their natural history.

"They are not easily destroyed. They resist the effects of drying, and even of boiling. Acids, alkalies, ether, and other agents would kill them; but these would be injurious to the hair, and so cannot be used. According to the authority quoted, in the conditions of a ball-room the gregarines revive, grow, and multiply by dividing into many parts—socalled germ globules; these fly about the ball-room in millious, get inhaled, drop on the refreshments-in fact, enter the interior of people by hundreds of ways, and thus reach their

specific gregarian development.' "We do not answer for the truth of this natural history; but when the natural history of the chignons themselves is considered it may well be all true. In Russia the hair for them is supplied by the poorer people, especially peasant women of the Mordwines and the Burlakes, near the Tolga, who do a large trade in it. 'When the Burlake goes out to work in the spring, he perhaps puts a clean shirt on, but he decidedly never takes it off until he returns in the autemn.' Verily, as the Professor argues, here is a fine chance for parasites. We must leave the subject with ladies and naturalists. Half the awful possibilities of the fashion-which it does not require a microscopist to suggest-would deter men. We cannot so certainly reckon upon affecting ladies in a matter of fashion. But of all false things, one of the most objectionable is false

Virginia in the Vatt.

The bill calling for a Convention to reorganize under the Military bill, which passed the Virginia Senate on Wednesday, was strongly opposed by Senators Ould and Mercier. The Richmond Enquirer compares the speech of the former to the "finest efforts of Clay or Webster." Norwithstanding this opposition, the bill received a vote of eighteen to eight-seven Senators being absent. It provides that the election for delegates shall be held on the first Thursday in May, and the Convention shall meet in Rich mond on the third Monday in May, "to form a Constitution of government in conformity with said act of Congress." All persons are to vote for delegates who are qualified to act by the act of Congress. Governor Pierpont is empowered to appoint three persons in each county, who shall select commissioners to conduct the voting. The number of delegates to be the same as is allowed to the present House of Delegates. The bill also provides that

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Act of Congress aforesaid." Richmond papers affect to believe that the course of the Senate in passing this bill has oc-casioned indignation among the people. It is very evident, however, that the Senators are carrying out the wishes of their constituents. There is, in fact, a race between the whites and the blacks, the former fearing that if they delay the latter will proceed with their plans already undertaken, and with the aid of radicals reor ganize the State, and thereby steal a march

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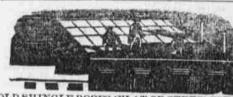
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