#### STATUARY.

A Morning with Powers. A writer in Hours at Home describes a morning spent with Hiram Powers. We make a few extracts:-

We found ourselves standing in the immediate presence of his finished works, busts, models, and statues; and at once our confersince took form from them. He conducted us with him through the several rooms, in which a large number of helpers were busily engaged in forwarding the processes through which the details of sculpture are carried on. The rude laboriousness by which in their earliest reductions the blocks from the quarry are shaped into forms for the galleries, all falls into the hands of artisans trained merely to stone-cuiting. My impulse was amusingly mythologic to keep rehearsing particulars of Prometheus; for "the first man" seemed starting out from the clay in a score of uncouth

The models were placed in the midst of the upright stones, in view of all the workmen. At first, it was a most energetic mallet which struck away huge chips of marble from the shapeless mass, with a rollicking sense of haste to deliver some beautiful being imagined to be imprisoned within it. But before long, the task was committed to more skilful care, and the fresh journeyman treated it with gentler measures of violence, and more temperate enthusiasm. Then came the third in the line: and he dealt with dainty compasses, and delicate files, making mysterious black spots at exact depths, and precise widths, and measured distances. These men, Mr. Powers assured us, were his life-long companions. He had chosen them, and trained them, and trusted them for many years, until he could not do without them. They were no ordinary hands, but belonged to his artistic and professionally related

With them, he remarked, rested his main difficulty in returning to America; which, indeed, he declared most plaintively, he very much desired to do. But he could not take them with him. They had families, they spoke no English, and they were peculiarly attached to their own land. And he could not leave them, for they were essential to his execution of orders for such pieces as his own hand, unaided, could never by any possibility meet; and moreover, he was really interested in them; he spoke feelingly, with an affectionate glance around upon the faithful company, as he added, he could not bear to have them scattered, they had followed his fortunes so long. Still, he believed most resolutely that he should some time behold his own home again.

He is truly American, and it is well that some of his countrymen have generously remembered it.

The domestic character of this interesting man came out most attractively in one more incident of our visit. An unfinished image of his wife was standing among the other busts: he had been at work upon it lately. I remarked upon the attractiveness of her truly fine face, and he told me whe it was. And then he led me to a bust he had made of each of his two daughters, and called my attention to the different dispositions as expressed in his wonderful marbles. I could not withhold my admiration to find that even in busy years he had consecrated time, as well as the ministries of his great art, in order to contribute to his home pleasures. He had told me that it took about five months to complete one such figure

He appeared pleased with my congratulations for having so exquisite a remembrance of those thus dear to him. "Yes, you know we have to stop these young people along here somewhere," he remarked with a kind of pensive affection in his tones; "they grow so, they get away from you!" Then he went to a private desk, and took out a small hand of an infant, out in whitest marble, chubby pled, lying among flowers on a leaf. I never saw anything more exquisitely done. "There," he said, "I stopped that one",-pointing over his shoulder at the bust of the youngest daughter-"when she had only that to take

My heart went out for that affectionate father, as he softly handled this memento of his child, now a woman grown, then only an nneasy babe of two months' existence. What a study in after years ! what a reminiscence of infantile beauty! Take any man or woman—this rough, veined, wrinkled, busy hand of yours and mine; how much of good and ill it has done since it was innocent as that little one in white !

What more can I now say of this morning with Hiram Powers, to convince my readers that it was one of the most delightful and most instructive of all my life? He, who is now recognized in Florence as the chief among living sculptors, is just this unaffected, un-spoiled man I have sketched. The pure sentiment, the genial converse, the thoughtful intelligence, and the sincere heartiness of that interview cannot be forgotten. If this honored sculptor ever does return to his old home on this side of the ocean, he will assuredly find friends he dreams not of, among all those who prize true worth and admire real genius.

M. Fould's Death Caused by a Cigar. By way of a caution to smokers, a Paris paper the Salut Public, tries to make out that the last cigar smoked by M. Fould was the cause of

his death:

Nicotine, the redoubtable poisonous principle of tobacco, acts as a heart poison. In experimenting on animals, our eminent physiologist, Claude Bernard, observed that it paralyzed the central organ of circulation—thence sudden death. A dose insufficient to kill nevertheless produces symptoms analogous to those of angina pectoris. One of the most distinguished physicians of our time, M. Beau, who died two years since, read a memoir at the Academy of Sciences in 1862, in which he showed, by a very con-siderable number of observations made during his practice, the influence of tobacco smoking, and especially in the form of cigars, in producing angina pectoris. He remarked that the cigar chiefly has this dreadful result upon im-pressionable persons, who led sedentary lives, and whose minds are constantly on the stretch. Two years later another physician, Dr. E.

Decaisne, adduced a series of upward of a hundred cases respecting the pernicious action on the functions of the heart caused by smoking tobacco. This is now an accepted point in medical science, and there is scarcely any prac-titioner who does not prohibit smoking, or, at least, who fails to recommend the greatest moderation in it to such of his patients as are liable to even the slightest perturbation of the functions of the heart. Now, M. Fould, who was a smoker and subject to palpitations of the heart, evidently had a slight attack of angina heart, evidently had a sight attack of anomal pectoris in the morning, to which he paid little attention, and then, in the evening, a violent and mortal attack. In the interval a cigar was smoked—who can say that this cigar was not the last straw which broke, etc.?

In this connection it may be stated that for the last few years the French Emperor has ab-

stained from smoking, under the positive prohibition of his physician.

-The solicitor of Miss Burdett Coutts has made a public appeal to the Bishop of Cape-town to relinquish the endowments of his see, on the ground that they were provided for a totally different purpose from that to which he is now applying them. To this the bishop replies that he "could not give up the endowment, over which he has no control."

NAPOLEON'S WAR PREPARATIONS. Imperial Letters to Victor Emanuel.

From the Paris Fresse, Oct. 19. It is said that the Emperor, in sending to Marshal Niel orders to adopt the necessary measures for embarking an expeditionary corps, if required, forwarded at the same time to Victor Emanuel a letter written in the most pressing terms, to remind him that their two signatures were affixed to the Convention of September, and that honor required them each to observe, or have respected, the engagements made. It is, moreover, said that the Emperor, being in-formed of the language used by the Chevalier Nigra at Paris, after having sanctioned the sending of the despatch, which was com-municated in a semi-official manner to that diplomatist, addressed direct to Victor Emanuel another, the very pressing language, calling on him to form no fliusion as to the obligations imposed on France by her honor, and not to place her under the necessity of turning her irms against her former ally. That communication is said to have created a great embarrass-ment in the mind of Victor Emanuel, and to have determined him to refuse his assent to the invasion of the Pontifical territory, which his

Ministers proposed.

The reply of King Victor Emanuel was such is might be expected. It may be summed up In these words:—"I have honestly executed the Convention of the 15th of September; all that was possible I have done; I shall continue to do all that I am able." An understanding appeared yesterday likely to be established between the Cabinets of Florence and Paris in consequence of the assurances given by M. Nigra, and which were expected to be ratified by M. Ratazzi. Not only were promises given of increased vigitance and energy in watching the Pontifical territory, but hopes were entertained that the Cabinet of Florence might be induced to adopt, as was demanded by France, measures for bringing back to their regiments the soldiers whose describin was more or less real, closing the offices for the enrolment of volunteers, and probibling public subscriptions. Whether there has been at Florence, as rumored, Ministerial modification in a radical sense, or whether M. Ratazzi, while preserving his port follo, has made a purely evasive reply, declining to make any precise engagement and merely giving assurances of sincerity, the hopes which had been raised by the language of M. Negra-were soon dissipated, and the French Government has thought necessary to prepare for all eventualities

The Army Muster.

From the Salut Public of Lyons, Oct. 19. The division of General Dumont, of the army of this city, yesterday received orders to leave this morning. The officers may, if they wish, receive at once the whole or a portion of the allowance to which they have a right on com-mencing a campaign. Light trains will pass through the city to-day to convey a brigade from the camp of Chalons to the south. All these troops are intended to embark for Civita The intervention, which yesterday evening appeared doubtful at Paris, is, there fore, now decided on. n the Courrier de Lyon, Oct. 19.

The following is the composition of the French expeditionary corps now being organized on the Mediterranean coast in view of the eventuali-

First Division of Infantry, General Dumont, First, Twenty-ninth, Fifty-ninth, and Eightieth regiments, and Second battalion of Chasseurs, Second Division, General de Failly, Third, Twenty-second, Thirty-eighth, and Sixty-sixth regiments and Tenth battalion of Chasseurs, Third Division, being formed in Algeria; six batteries Artillery, with three companies of Sappers, one for each division.

The French Communder-in-Chief, From the Paris Patrie, Oct. 19.

Three brigades of infantry, it is said, and several batteries of mounted artillery, under the command of General de Failly, aide-de-camp to the Emperor, were designated to receive oners to proceed to Marseilles and Toulon, there to embark. We only know as yet that General Dumout, commanding the 5th Division. sion of the 4th Army Corps, and Brigade Generals Doens and Duplessis, commanding brigades of the active division, form part of the con-

of the active division, form part of the con-tingent.

General 3c Eastly weak to the Crimea as a colonel, and returned a general of division. At Magenta, and especially at Solferino, in 1859, where he commanded the 2d Division of In-fantry of the 3d Corps, that of Niel, General Fally behaved admirably, and fought with rare vigor. Two colonels out of his four regiments and four chefs de battalion were killed under his eyes. Aide-de-camp of the Emperor, and on the reserve list for some months past, General failly, who is in his sixty-seventh year, is still full of vigor, energy, and talent.

Liability of Express Companies.

A case was recently tried in Brooklyn In which an express company contested a claim of about two thousand dollars for the loss of a trunk and its contents. The defense set up was that on the back of the receipt given to the owner of the trunk it was stipulated that the company would not hold itself liable for any lewelry nor for any value above one hundred dollars. Such printed notice, it was contended, was a contract which, when accepted, bound the owner of property entrusted to their care. The Judge heid that in the hurry of railroad travel it would be impossible for every person to read the printed matter on the back of such receipts before accepting them, and he therefore instructed the jury to bring in a verdict, which they did, for the full amount claimed. This will be looked upon by the travelling public as a very just decision. If it were otherwise it would be a profitable business for the employes of express companies to lose the trunks of travelers, very few of which contain as little as one hundred dollars' worth of wearing apparel and other necessaries. A lady's silk dress would almost reach that amount in value,—N. Y.

AN ANCIENT DARKEY .- The Yazoo (Miss.) Banner, of the 18th ult., announces the death of John Corbin (Old John), the negro fisherman in that city. Old John was born and reared in the Corbin family of Virginia. He was said to have been the servant of the grandfather of the present Dr. Corbin, who was Attorney-General of George III in the colony of Virginia. His age is supposed to have been one hundred and seven years. The late change in the condition of his race had no effect whatever on the manners of Old John. He retained to the last the politeness of the good "Old Virginny nigger."

NEW TELEGRAPH LINE. - The work on the telegraph line from St. Paul, Minn., to New Orleans is being pushed forward vigorously. Several gangs of hands are at work placing the poles in position; other material is being provided for, and it is expected that the entire line between Keokuk and Minneapolis will be completed and in working order before winter sets in. The whole line to New Orleans will perhaps be finished before the close of 1868.

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