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Which Is It?

THE accounts given of Patagonia by Captain Cook, and of the land of the Lilliputians by that distinguished nobleman, Baron Munchausen, strongly resemble the, tales which come to us of the wealth or worthlessness, the miasmas or the salubrity, of our recently purchased or about to be purchased possessions. Any disinterested citizen who would read both sides of the various reports of the condition of Alaska would be in great doubt whether it was an iceberg or a rich alluvial State, whether it was as cold as the North Pole or as mild as Maine, whether any shrubs can grow there or whether it boasts of timber as gigantic as that of the Yo-Semite Valley. So when that we come to purchase the island of St. Thomas, an equal diversity of opinion is visible. According to several accounts, it is little better than a volcano. It is liable to be flooded by the sea, or burned up by the fire. It is unhealthy in the extreme, is comparatively poorly fitted for a naval station, and, altogether, is not worth having. Just as this becomes the prevalent idea, the State Department publishes the report of Rear Admiral David D. Porter. We will briefly sum up the advantages as given by the Admiral:-

"There is no harbor in the United States better fitted than St. Thomas for a naval station. Its harbor and that of San Juan, and the harbors formed by Water Island, would contain all the vessels of the largest navy in the world, where they would be protected at all times from bad weather and be secure against an

it even should be intended to make a great naval depot in the West Indies, St. Thomas offers all the advantages and facilities for making dry docks, coal stations, and arsenals, all under complete protection." The whole area of the island is only forty-five square miles, the surface rugged and ele-vated, and almost devoid of trees, which, having been cut down unsparingly, have lain the sland open to the sun, and caused a scarcity in the supply of water. The deficiency is, how-ever, supplied by tanks which are kept filled at all seasons by the rains. No doubt water could

be obtained by sinking artesian wells. St. Thomas has hitherto been considered one of the safest ports of refuge against those dreadful hurricanes, which, however, are so erratic in their course that one island and their another feels the effects of toeir fury."

"All the officers of the island, except the Governor and one or two others, are appointed by the home Government. It may be well to men tion that the inhabitants are mostly colored but they are extremely well educated, all of the clerks in the stores are colored.

"On the whole, however, St. Thomas is as healthy as any of the other islands, and with proper quarantine regulations would be considered quite a salubrious place. I know that Americans and Europeans, invalids, seek it in winter; and there, or at the little Island of Santa Cruz, are soon restored to health In fine, I think St. Thomas is the keystone

to the arch of the West Indies. It commands them all. It is of more importance to us than to any one else, and if Europe was at lelsure and its attention was not distracted by its own complications, we would not be allowed to get the island on any terms."

If what the Admiral says be true and not exaggerated, which we see no reason for believing that it is, then the island of St. Thomas is worth having. But we have equally reliable accounts of earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, and epidemics, which are certainly enough to terrify the most eager purchaser. It is well for the people, however, to become as well acquainted with our proposed purchase as possible; we therefore give the points of Admiral Porter's report. But, with all the conflicting accounts, it is impossible for us to decide whether it is an Eden or a crater.

Mr. Woodward's Speech.

THE House was startled yesterday by the able legal argument of ex-Chief Justice Woodward, who boldly declared in favor of that rule of the law which allows Congress to prefer articles of impeachment against the President or any officer for an offense which is not indictable. Judge Woodward spoke purely as a lawyer, and laid down what he considered the true interpretation of the legal rights of the House. While opposed to impeachment he boldly declared it lawful for it to be done, without any specific crime being charged. This view is one held by a large number of our ablest statesmen, and is only noticeable as coming at this time from a bitter Democrat. The effect of the speech, we are told, was to greatly surprise the House. We are glad to see this tone among members. They desire to rise above mere considerations of the present, and to declare what, in their view of the law, is right. We hope to see such a spirit prevail much more generally among our members than it does.

One of the "Relies."

THE Mormon question has loomed up in the political horizon at various times, but in the pressure of more momentous affairs, and through the utter incompetency of those who have been charged by the Federal Government with attending to the matter, nothing has come of the agitation so far. The time is fast approaching, however, when Brigham Young will begin to figure more largely than ever in politics, and when a definite settlement of his chronic disagreement with the rest of the world will be forced upon us. The rapid progress of the Pacific Railroad will soon open up the fertile valley surrounding Great Salt Lake, and its natural attractions, augmented as they have been by the studied thrift of the Saints, will be irresistible to tens of thousands of sturdy pioneers in search of permanent homes. Then will ensue a social, and it may be a hand-to-hand, struggle between the followers of the Prophet and the Gentiles, the result of which no one can reasonably doubt. . Mormonism, with all its attendant eccentricities, will certainly go down in the encounter, especially if it come to blows. And

it will receive no sympathy from the outside world. As far as mere vagaries in religious doctrines are concerned, the Saints are entitled to the privilege of stultifying themselves by professing to believe in the chicanery of Joe Smith, prophet and martyr, and by submitting to the jugglery of his by-no-means unworthy successor, the uxorious Brigham Young. If the saintly adherents of the latter will abandon the demoralizing practice of a plurality of wives, there are none who will dare or care to molest them or make them afraid. But if it be their intention to continue it, their summary suppression is inevitable, and it behooves "the quorum of twelve" to be on the lookout for a more eligible and less accessible retreat than Utah, with the great highway of the nation fairly cutting it in two. It may be that Mr. Secretary Seward can furnish them with a desolate island in the South Sea from among his recent purchases. Let them make the application without further delay.

AN OMEN OF THE FUTURE .- Let Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Mrs. Susan B. Authony, and Mrs. George Francis Train, take courage. Notwithstanding the miserable failure which attended their recent effort to place the ballot in the hands of their sex in Kansas, a voice of encouragement comes to them from beyond the seas. One Liby Maxwell, whether wedded wife or melancholy spinster, we are not informed, is a rate-payer in the city of Manchester, England, and for this reason her name was necessarily put upon the register. At the recent election, when Jacob Bright, the brother of John, was returned to Parliament by an overwhelming majority, the vote of Liby Maxwell contributed its due share to his triumph. She was escorted to the polls by a guard of honor, which, it is safe to say, was made up of fair ladies alone, and at their head marched the Presidentess of the Female Suffrage Society. The jeers of a portion of the crowd of masculine monsters which was drawn together by the unusual spectacle were more than counteracted by the cheers of those who enjoyed the affair, either as a joke or a reality; and, contrary to the customs which have prevailed in Manchester of late, there was no interference by the police. The only circumstance which tends to dampen the rejoicings of Mesdames Stanton, Anthony, and Train, in consequence of this ominous event, is the well-known fact that Manchester is some thousands of miles distant from

THE BRUTAL TRAGEDY enacted in New York a day or two ago teaches a lesson which the authorities of every large city in the country would do well to act upon. In the fatal encounter between the rival minstrels, the fact was developed that two of them at least were armed with revolvers, in consequence of which defiance of the law punishing as a crime the carrying of concealed deadly weapons, one life was sacrificed and another is despaired of. This practice has become almost fashionable with a certain class of men, who lay claim to some respectability, but who are nevertheless subject to violent fits of passion, as well as other mertals. If the police of this city and New York should arrest without further delay every man whom they have good reason to suspect of a violation of the law in this way, the calendars of the criminal courts would be materially decreased.

PERVERTED GENIUS .- Weston, the peripatetician, has taken to lecturing, like his illustrious predecessor; and Adah Isaacs Menken announces a volume of poems as soen to be forthcoming, with a dedication to Algernon Charles Swinburne. The former, we regret to say, is not as well received by the newspaper critics as Charles Dickens-one of them who has actually listened to his platitudes declaring that "all his genius runs to legs, and his lectures are wishy-washy affairs." The first part of this curt critique might be applied to the Menken with propriety, and we opine that when her rhymes are made public they will be found quite as "wishy-washy" as are the literary performances of the man who failed to walk one hundred miles in twenty-four

THE MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, who deserves to rank as the Prince of Horse Jockeys, has come to grief. At the last Derby his losses footed up the sum of £80,000, and these comprised but a moiety of the ill luck which he has encountered of late. He has, therefore, been obliged to put his racing stud under the hammer. It comprised twenty-one yearlings, twenty two-year-old nags, and eleven horses in training, all of which netted £37,000. The poor man has probably not a dozen horses left to console him.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

[For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages.]

TO THE HISTORY OF PERFUMES. published some time ago in England may be added the appendix that PHALON'S "NIGHT. BLOOMING CEREUS" has attained a sale that was never before reached by any extract for the handkerchief in any part of the civilized world.—

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the chain of prejudice of the self-styled regular practitioner, and see the destruction of human life, of men and women of robust constitution, of youths with the fires of health shining through their beaming cheeks, and of the little babe laughing and dancing, full of life, upon its mother's knee. They are attacked with the most simple disease, but for fear of some danger lurking within, the doctor is sent for, the dose is given, and in the short space of one week a funeral procession is seen moving from your doors. We ask, is there not something wrong? is there not something wanting? some change in the practice of medicine? There has been a great advancement in all other sciences; why not in medicine? The old stage has been given up for the quick travel of the railway car. The tiresome work of sewing by hand for the rapid sewingmachine. From the slow soythe to cut the grass to the wonderful mowing-machine. From waiting the arrival of the slow mail to the quick lightning speed of the telegraph message. From the small row-beat to the powerful steamer. From the hand printing-press to the great steam printing-press. But in medicine there has been no advancement for the last two hundred years. But the doctor of that period was a hard-working man; he went out in the forests, and pasture-grounds of nature's garden, once cursed and blighted by sin, to bring forth the destruction of man, but now redeemed and blessed by the Son of God, that every tree and herb and spear of grass and all things that grow out of the ground, from which man was made, should be filled with curative properties for the healing of man. Out of those trees and herbs he prepared his remedles for the ours of diseases. The work was done in his own laboratory, and when the medicine was ready for use, he was

not afraid to taste of it himself, lest he should be poisoned by its destructive properties. It was a cordial to the sick man and a balm to heal his disease. But what is the history of to-day, of the year 1867, in the science of medicine? We say it has retrograded and gone back faster than all other sciences have advanced. The doctor of to-day has turned his back upon the great store of the forest, and said your 'aealing virtue requires too much labor for me to perform. His prescription is given, and remedies prepared from the destructive magazines of poisons.

Such is the prejudice of a certain fraternity of doctors, that if one of their number was to prepare a great remedy for the cure of a certain disease, and offer it for sale to the needy sufferer, he would be kicked out of their midst, and they would refuse to hold counsel with him. We say shame on such wicked conduct. God will weigh you in the balance, in His great day of reckoning, and reward you according to your evil deeds. We say to the sick, hope in God, that you may be restored to health by the use of Dr. WISHART'S PINE TREE TAR CORDIAL and GREAT AMERICAN DYS-PEPSIA PILLS.

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