Incidentals,

-General Sheridan is attending to his duties as usual, but has not yet entirely regained his -Some of the young men in Detroit purpos

organizing a sawing society to cut wood for poor widows this winter. To be eligible to membership a young man must be unmarried. -Work is slack at the Trenton potteries, and several of them have been put on half-time. is feared that some of them will be compelled to

close entirely next month. -Ah Coon and Ah Gun beat Ty Hee over the head with an iron bar, in San Francisco, on the evening of the 4th, and were arrested, although Ty Hee is a woman.

Ex-Senator Thomas Parsons, of Rochester, fell from the platform of a car on the Great Western Railroad, on Wednesday, and fractured

-A. doctor in Washington county, Indiana, bought a coffin in New Albany last week, saying he had long thought he ought to have it ready in case of his sudden death. He had it sent to his home, and kindly requested his wife to line it. Robberies of freight ears are frequent on the Hudson River Railroad. The other night some thieves cut a hele through the top of a car on

-Lieutenant-General Sheridan's health has much improved, and he is now able to ride out. He expects to be able to attend the reunion of the Army of the Cumberland in Indianapolis, Ind., on the 15th and 16th instant.

the northerly bound train, descended into it, and

tumbled out over \$6000 worth of goods.

-A Dubuque young lady who has been confined in the Iowa Insane Asylum for fourteen months because she would not marry the man of her cruel parent's choice, has been ascertained mad but not insane. -The Chicago Common Council on Thursday

whereas the habit of smoking in open council is unbecoming gentlemen and legislators, smoking should be stopped. the recent fire in Topeka, Kansas, all the books and papers of the Land Office there were destroyed, but all business, up to the first of last month, had been reported to the depart-

evening adopted a resolution declaring that,

ment at Washington. -Railroads travellers in Massachusetts are getting up petitions to the Legislature for a law to forbid railroad corporations from charging extra fare when tickets are not purchased at the

-The ships Ontario and Chieftain, which left New York within two days of each other, passed Cape Horn together and arrived at San Francisco on the 4th instant, the Ontario making the passage in 158 days and the Chieftain in 160. An association has been formed in Spring field, Greene county, Mo., the object of which is to devise means for removing to some sultable burying ground the bodies of the Confederate dead buried in that county and

K. Bear, the agent of an express pany, who absconded from Brownsville, Neb., some time since, with \$12,000 of the company's money, has just written back that he is very sorry, and that he intends to refund the

-Canastota, in Madison co., N.Y., has a haunted house, the unquiet spirit which frequents it being described as an old gentleman with a thin face, dressed in brown clothes, and enveloped in a blue light which reveals a horrid gash in his throat

-The Republican management of the affairs of the State of Michigan has resulted well. The Detroit Tribune says it has fostered all of Michigan's interests with a generous hand and yet has reduced the rate of taxation, paid off half a million of debt, and provided for the payment of half a million more within a month.

—The Daughters of St. Crispin have now twenty-four lodges in this country, fourteen being located in Massachusetts. The largest lodge is at Rochester, with about 700 members The Lynn Lodge has only 460 members, although 1600 or 1800 women are engaged in manufacturing shoes there.

-Ise Satara and Zun Zow Matsmulla, two youths from Japan, reported at the United States Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md., and were assigned to duty, in accordance with an act of Congress authorizing two such youths to enter the Academy as midshipmen, at the expense of their own Government.

-A writer in the Chicago Legal News urges the holding of "annual meetings of members of the legal profession from every part of the United States, for the discussion of law reforms, similar to meetings held by members of other learned professions both in this country and in Europe.

-A gertleman of Buffalo has engaged to perform the following feat:-A cork will be loosely placed on the neck of an ordinary bottle, and on the top of the cork a bullet will be rested. The gentleman will then undertake, at a distance of twelve paces, to fire a pistol so that four times

sioner, and Meewah Sukeyeegie, Vice-Commis-sioner, from the Government of Japan to the Hawaiian Islands, sailed from San Francisco, on the 5th inst., for Honolulu, to inquire into the condition of some Japanese laborers employed upon sugar plantations, and to insure them proper treatment.

That able-bodied man from Central New

York, who reached Newark a week ago with his invalid wife on a wheelbarrow, returning on his tollsome journey home from Gettysburg, has somehow got back to Trenton again, with his wife, wheelbarrow, and two children, and has applied for quarters in the Poor House for the winter. -A writer in the Boston Journal of Chemis-

try takes the ground that the practice of evaporating water upon stoves and furnaces is not conducive to health or comfort, asserting that atmospheric air cannot be "dried up or burned up" by any heating apparatus in use at the present day, and that while heated air has larger capacity to hold vapor than cold air, none of its natural moisture is expelled from it by heat -A woman in Grand Traverse county, Mich., told her husband, who came in and found her

giving the child something to eat from a plate, that "the little soul would be in heaven in ten minutes, and she wouldn't live a great while, at the same time eating some of the preparation herself. It proved to be strychnine. The hus-band ran to a neighbor for help, and when he came back the child was dead.

During his visit to Boston Pere Hyacinthe left his autograph in the visitors' register in the Massachusetts Historical Society's rooms in the following form:—'Fr. Hyacinthe Loyson, Paris, France, corde petit placidam sub liberiate quietem.' Thus he adopted the motto of the State of Massachusetts with the substitution of the word corde (heart) for ense (sword):—"With the heart (instead of the sword) he seeks tranquil

repose under the protection of liberty."

—The San Francisco Alla says that the silver "nugget" presented to the Pope by a gentleman from California is composed probably of silver from every mine on the coast. It is sixteen inches long, eight inches wide, six and a half inches deep, 998 fine—or say, nearly pure—weights 1885% ounces troy, or 206 pounds avoir-dupois: value, \$5013.78; inscribed:—"D. J. Oliver, wife and children, of San Francisco, to

Some practical jokers among the company of a Chicago theatre amused themselves, the other evening, by filling the blunderbuss, used by one of their number in a piece called The Sunday Hunter, with powder wads, etc., nearly to the muzzle. On the piece being fired, the actor was rendered almost insensible by the concussion of the blunderbuss, and the sudience were completely terrified by the deafening ex-plosion, several ladies being so seriously affected that they had to be carried out of the house. To add to the confusion, the police of the precinct, thinking from the report that some terrible tragedy had occurred, rushed in at the different entrances to the theatre. The matter was eventually explained, and the play proceeded

smoothly to its conclusion.

—During the progress of the Paris Exposition one of the side-shows that attracted the largest crowds was a representation of the decapitated head, a trick upon the same plan as that of the Sphynx, that created so much astonishment in the United States some time ago, but of which everybody now knows the secret. In this case the sight-seers entered a room that was sepa-

rated from another by a grating. In this other, room was a plain table, upon which was a head apparently decapitated; but which, on being inerrogated, would answer all sorts of questions. One day an Englishman and his sister were among the spectators. The head, noticing them, remarked that it spoke English, when they proceeded to ask it several questions. Among others the lady gravely asked, "Have you a soul?" With a twinkle of the byes, the answer

came solemely, "No, I am an American."

—In 1846 the price of bread in Vienna had risen to its highest, and the "rolls" of the bakers decreased in size day by day. One day an actor named Scholz appeared at the Carl Theatre in a kind of chemisette, which excited general hilarity, for instead of being fastened with the ordinary buttons, a pair of the diminutive rolls baked at that time were used for the purpose. Scholz was punished by the city authorities for his joke. Not long ago the city authorities decided to found a museum of antiquities relating to the history of the city, and called upon the inhabitants to contribute to the institution. One of the very first objects received was Scholz's historical bread-roll shirt

-A French savant, Dr. Magnen, has just been trying experiments with guinea pigs to illustrate the baneful effects of absinthe. He adminis-tered to one animal, says a correspondent, four grammes of strong brandy-which is an ingredient of a Frenchman's deadly drink-with the natural result of making the poor little pig shamefully inebriated. To another unfortunate creature of the same species he gave essence of absinthe pure and simple, and as a consequence extreme suffering was produced. "If the dose be weak," says M. Magnen, "it causes vertigo; the animal hangs down its head, evinces sadness, and remains motionless. Then a shudder comes over the anterior part of the body, gradually followed by starts in the muscles of the This symptom will by degrees extend to the whole of the animal's fore parts; the creature will appear as if under the influence of electric shocks; its fore legs are stifly stretched to support the body, while the hind legs are slightly bent, as if to'seek a purchase. A larger dose will induce violent nervous fits.

—The Imparcial, a Spanish journal of Trini-dad, gives the following account of the state of affairs in that neighborhood;—"What has passed in the neighborhood of Trinidad for the three months it is impossible to believe without baving seen. This place of 14,000 inhabitants has a battalion of volunteers, a body of bomberos (armed firemen), and a section of cavalry, and yet it and the country about is under the control of a party of incendiaries and assassins, who are lords of the soil. Not a man can go to bathe in the river between the hill La Vigla and those opposite without exposing himself to be killed or captured. This pass, which is as smooth as the palm of the hand and of no greater size than two klometres long and one broad, has been the scene day after day of incendiarism and assassinations. Commencing at the shop, situated out towards the river Canas, which we have seen burned, there followed an attempt to burn the bridge on the railroad: the firing of the estate Abajo, at the far end of the pass; of the other bridge on the railroad by Papayal; the houses on the country estate of his Excellency Senor Don Justo G. Cantero: and, in conclusion, the hundred attacks on laborers on the different estates situated within this small radius-all committed without interruption or without anything being done to punish the in-cendiaries and assassins, who only attack the defenseless and the solitary." Trinidad must be an uncomfortable city for humdrum people, but it would be an admirable seminary for young

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Dec. 20, at 18 o'clock, at the northwest corner of Rieventh and Spruce streets, by catalogue, comprising sait rosewood drawing room furniture, green satin; behi cabinets and tables; Fronch plate mirrors; satin curtains; elegant carved rosewood cabinet plano; fine bronces; fine marble states, "Arisdney" fine painting, "Burrow of Rabbits;" silver plate; china; elegant carved oak antique hall and dining room furniture; buffet extension table; chairs; donness; suit elegant rosewood chamber furniture; wardrobes, mirror doors; fine apring and bair mattresses; velvet carpets; elegant glass chandeliers, etc. Also, fine guns, 4 buffalo robes, etc.

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At 9 o'clock, at the Auction Store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be s'id, by catalogue, a large assortment of new and second-hand shousehold furniture, for parlor, chamber, library, dining-room, and kitchen, from families declining housekeeping.

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Controllers of Public Schools for School Pur-Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the sum of twenty-six hundred and fifty deliars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Controllers of Public Schools for the following purposes, to wit:

_______item 1. For the erection of privies at the Monroe School-house, Fourteenth section, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Hem 2. For expenses of night schools, twenty-five

LOUIS WAGNER, President of Common Council, ROBBET RETRELL, Assistant Clerk of Select Council.

Warrants to be drawn by the Controllers of Public.

President of Select Council

President of Select Council pro tem

Approved this fifteenth day of December,
Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixtynine (A. D. 1869). DANIRI. M. FOX. Mayor of Philadelphia.