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THE HUB.

Boston Feculiarities-The Ladies-The Fashions-Originality - Boston Streets - Fanculi Bull-The Unprinted History of Banker Hill -Dull Times-A Boston Reason for the Apriliy. From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1870.

Great is Boston-great is the "Hub!" Great are the men-great are the women; great is everything that belongs to either. Quick. close, and calculating are all you meet. Men mumble additions and divisions while they pass you on the street. If you ask one of them a question, he appears to consider well the profits likely to arise from the brief acquaintanceship before he answers. If the indications for trade or profit are good, he answers you, perhaps, fully and satisfactorily, or by asking you a question in return; if the indications are poor, your answer is equally so, and the brief "yes" or "no" is given as though the breath expended in giving expression to the sound was worth so much in ready cash. The women, too, are full of business of one kind or another, and as you ride in the street cars they do their figuring, using their cabas for the desk. Few of them are handsome, but they are smart, or at least I am so informed, and they certainly have no hesitation about asserting their "rights" whenever occasion requires or opportunity offers. And they have such odd fashions, too. Boston always did claim originality of a superlative order, and just now no one would certainly dare to question the claim-in fashions at least. With the weather mild and pleasant, you meet the ladies done up with enormous "comforters" or scarfs, or red or white worsted, stretched over the head and cars, and then wound twice or thrice about the neck, while the most ungraceful and unsightly tassels hang streaming down the back. The fact that it is January gives us to understand that it should be cold, and the Boston ladies insist on impressing us with the idea that it is cold, although the thermometer is far above the freezing point. And their hair! Why, most of them appear to have eschewed the "switch" and "braid" entirely, and do up their tresses somewhat after the style of their grandmothers. Combs of magnificent proportions, and growing larger each day, are coming into play, and after one has been accustomed to seeing the hanging masses which cling to the heads of our Philadelphia belles, the combs look odd enough. But that's Boston, and they wouldn't be without these little idiosyncracies-no, not for the world. It's a species of "smartness," and gives independence to the looks of things, if nothing more. But I must do them the justice to say that they are no doubt be able to survive it. industrious and frugal. Go where you w among the dwelling-houses of the city, and every window will be seen the hand engag in the everlasting stitch, stitch, stitch.

The "Hub," if justly celebrated for o thing more than another, that one thing its miserable, ill-shaped, and decide crooked streets. The new portions of t city are well, nay, beautifully laid out, an strong efforts have been made to straight some of the crooked avenues of the old part of the city; but, oh misery ! the strang who undertakes to find his way about, alo and unaided, must needs be supplied with

grounds upon which it stands, was originally the property of St. John's Lodge of Masons, of which lodge General Warren is said to have been Master at the time of his death. This lodge took the initiatory steps towards erecting the monument, but the great anti-Masonic movement, which agitated the country some thirty years ago, burned so furiously in this section of the country at the time, that the Masons gave up the project as a hody, and succeeded in their most commendable determination by handing the whole affair into the hands of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, under whose superintency the shaft was reared. I mention this fact because it is not generally known, and make a correction in the histories and geographies aforesaid.

December, never a very busy month with the wholesale men, is said to have been duller than has been known for many years. New York howls over the "apathy," and Boston echoes it. "Everything is too fluctuating," says the jobber. "Freights are light and travellers few," says the railroad agent. "Business was never duller for the season," says the retail man, and then all join in the common cry of "uncertainty!"

"We never expect to do much business during this month," quoth the importer, "but it is time we were receiving our spring goods. But the future is a blank, there is nothing but uncertainty in it. Our customers will not buy of us because they are looking for gold to decline still further. We cannot buy because we have no idea whether gold is going up or down. If we bought now and it went up, we should make oceans of money; if it went down, we should lose in the same proportion. And it is just as likely to go one way as the other, since we know nothing as to the future plans of Mr. Boutwell. He is master of the market, and can run it up or down at pleasure. He leaves us no chance to exercise our own judgment. He has refused 22 and may do it again, or he may throw a couple of millions upon the market and run it down to 10 or 15. Which he will do we know not, and hence we stand inactive and powerless. Give us a certainty, whether the higher or lower we care not, but give us a certainty, that we may pursue our business with some degree of dence !" Such is the cry in Boston and New York. Mr. Boutwell was here in person day before yesterday, and gave us a lecture on things generally, but did not touch on finances. Boston had expected that gentleman to tell her people all about his financial plans, but since he didn't do it the "Hub" is correspondingly angry. Mr. Boutwell will

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Boston, up to this time, has had but th or four days of sleighing, which is an it worth noticing, and one which can seldom mentioned so late in the season. Of cou Brighton is neglected, and horseflesh is spa accordingly. The same rain storms t have visited the South and West have been here, and the roads used for show off the metal of the stock are perfect mu Yesterday we took a stroll up south on Neck, and around the regions heretof called the Back Bay. These localities most beautifully laid out, and some of finest buildings in the country are in cou of erection or receiving the finishing touch

As we have always been led to believe t the Bunker Hill Monument marked the upon which the battle of that name had b fought, I was considerably astonished, no say pained, on learning from those who native and to the manor born, and who out to know all about it, that the battle wa fought on this kill at all, but was fought an adjoining eminence, about a quarter mile distant. This piece of informa speaks bad for the "Hub," for I have a tinct recollection that the histories and graphics which are used in Philadelphia lic schools, and which emanated from England sources, did tell us most clea when mentioning the monument, that battle was fought on this ground. Of con those who visit the spot, and read the inse tions on the monument, will learn that shaft marks the spot where Warren fell, that don't alter the case in the alightest. every schoolboy believes, and would no do be willing to be qualified, that the monun marked the identical spot upon which forefathers "fought" the great "fit" w culminated in the Declaration of Inde dence, and eventually made these American nation. In this connec it may not be improper for me state that the monument, as well as

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