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"THE OVERLAND."

From the Central News Company, No. 505 Chesnut street, we have received the March | aft," and the whole ship's company imnumber of The Overland Monthly, which has the following list of articles:-"'Trail-making in the Oregon Monntains," "Not Yet," "Among the Islands," "The Romance of a Trunk," "On the Lower California Coast," "In Xto," "Daisy," "Camp-life in Arizona," "Of and in Guatemala," "British Columbia," "Tom Tiddler's Ground," "Chiquita," "The Lesson of George Peabody's Life," "An Arisona Legend," "Brown of Calaveras," "Current Literature.

From the paper entitled "On the Lower California Coast" we quote the following "prospecting" anecdote: ----

Soon after the first whaling vessels visited the lagoons, two ships, which had arrived early from the north, were lying quietly at their anchors, their crews feasting on the bountiful productions of the bay, and re-lieving themselves from the contined and monotonous life on board by making excursions on shore among the rugged peaks of Margarita Island, or through the estuaries shat thread the northern shore. Sometimes during those rambles, one who had the curiosity to see the top of the island, after a fatiguing climb, paused to rest, and take a survey of the objects around him. Knocking about in the debris, he chanced to pick up what he believed to be the "precions gold itself," and hastening back to the ship made known the discovery to his captain. A second expedition to the place developed the supposed gold deposits more fully, and a large number of the specimens were brought to the ships and examined by the two captains and their officers, who pronounced them to be "pure gold, sure enough."

One of the two ships was among the largest and best-appointed in the whole Pacific fleet, and the captain of high reputation, not only as a successful whaling-master but a man of much shrewdness. His judgment generally bore great weight with his brother captains. His decision was listened to with willing ears, when he addressed all hands in this wise:-"Yes, men, this is the real stuff. Now we will go to work and get as much of it as we wish, and let them catch 'devil-fish' that want to. There is powder for blasting in the magazine, iron and all the other materials on board to get up quite a set of mining implements; a forge with plenty of coal, and a good blacksmith into the bargain; so the sooner we are at it the better." Immediate preparations were made to commence mining. It was now an admitted fact that all hands were to dig gold and become immensely rich. But the question arose, "Who is going to dig gold on the one-hundredth or two-hundredth lay?" This was a serious matter, and fully discussed at night in the blinding darkness of the forecastle; for Captain L ____ never permitted a light to be burned forward after the regular hours.

After due deliberation, all the crew came to the firm conclusion that "they would not dig gold on a lay: one of their number had discovered it, and really they had a better claim to the mine than the officers." "But," said they, "we are willing to allow the 'old man' a good price for his 'grub,' the use of his tools, and will charter his ship, if he says so, to take us and our 'rhino' home." So, it was agreed that all hands should go aft and let the captain know what was up, as soon as they should be "turned to" in the morning. "But, who is to be spokesman?" asked one. All pitched on Jim Dow, who, however, declared that he had "rather go a devil-fishing than face the old an and do the talking. After some delay, one of their number volunteered to be spokesman. At the appointed time in the morning the crew assembled aft and asked to see the captain. He soon made his appearance, and every one could see by his determined look that it was no time to bandy words. Their speaker respectfully informed him that "the crew thought it was hardly a fair thing to dig gold on a lay, "The d----l you don't !" replied the captain. "You're a pretty set of fellows! If you go to cutting your flukes out here, I'll send the whole posse of you a whaling, and a precious little good will this gold do you when the veyage is up! You're a set of stupids, from beginning to end! Why, I'll give any of you \$50,000 for your share—and what more do you want? Go forward; I won't hear another word from you !" The command was promptly obeyed, and soon the order came to "turn to," which was obeyed likewise. Night came again, and, when all had gathered in the forecastle, the new speculation was the engrossing topic of conversation. Jack Dowsaid, "As for my part, I think the matter stands about like this: we've got the 'old man' and \$50,000 on one side sure, and devil-fish, stoven boats, and a greasy job on the other, and I goes in for the side what's got the spondulies." This speech satisfied all present, and the next day everything went on cheerfully. Drills, crow-bars, and other mining tools were made as fast as willing hand could work, and any of the ship's whaling implements that could be turned to account were immediately appropriated to the new adventure. A kind of knapsack was made of heavy canvas, for each man to transport the precious metal from the mine to the ship, and this sackful, delivered on board, was the "stint" of each one daily. Every succeeding morning, as the sun rose over the dark peaks of the island, might have been seen a train of men slowly plodding up the steeps, with the white sacks to their backs; and before the close of the day, singly or in squads, they returned to the ship and deposited their treasure in the strong casks that had been originally designed to receive the swimming treasures of the deep. In the meantime, Captain L--, anxious about the genuine quality of the metal, despatched a party, with specimens, to one of the gulf ports, where there was an assayer. A few weeks elapsed before his return; but the sanguine miners, in their excitement, not doubting the true worth of the ore, went on briskly with their work. In due time, however, the messenger returned with the report that "it was nothing but iron pyrites!" This intelligence fell with crushing despair on the whole party. What a fall from rich gentlemen of leisure, which they already had been in their own anticipations, to poor Jacks on board a whaler! All felt chagrined: some affecting to laugh it off, others remarking that "the old man had got sold once in his life." But one of their number replied that "all hands might as well own up that they had been sold as well as the captain. There is not one of us," said he, "but has got more or less of the stuff

secreting them in bags between the timbers | of the vessel, while others hid their coveted treasures in their beds, or carried them constantly about their persons.

The following morning, all hands were called, and ordered to "make a muster mediately assembled about the quarter-deck. The captain at last made his appearance. A The captain at last made his appearance. A long silence ensued, when, raising both hands, he exclaimed:—"If any man ever divulges anything about this here scrape, I'll be the death of him, and haunt him in purgatory! And, mind you, there has got to be some oil taken this season, or else you'll see some cedar milit i The wholes enclosed in the last set split! The whales are already in the bay, and the sconer we are at it the better."

Thus ended the gold mining on Margarita Island.

It is but justice to state, however, that this captain and his crew of amateur miners made the most successful "season" of any on the const.

BURIED AND RESURRECTED.

A Doctor Performs the Role of "Juliet". Cheats Justice, is Buried and Resurrected. Every one at all familiar with the history of Kansas at an early day will remember Dr. John Doy, whose conflicts with the proslavery party, and whose exploits in connection with the underground railroad, while the iniquitous Fugitive Slave law was in force, made him extensively notorious. It will be remembered that, having removed to Battle creek, Michigan, he was arrested on the charge of procuring an abortion, and thereby causing the death of the woman who sought his services. On this charge he was found guilty, and sentenced to a long term of con-finement in the State Prison. As he was found dead in his bed one morning, under circumstances which strongly pointed to poison as the cause of his death, it was gene-rally supposed that he resorted to suicide to ward off the disgrace which would result from his imprisonment. At all events he was buried, and, as usual, almost forgotten.

Now comes the romantic portion of his history. A gentleman whose statements are considered entirely reliable called at our office yesterday, and showed us a letter purporting to come from a daughter of this same Doy, dated from some town in Ohio. From this letter it seems that, though legally dead, he is still living, and at present is in Eng-land. The letter stated that he had sent for one daughter, who was already with him, and that the rest of the family were making arrangements to follow immediately.

The circumstances of his resurrection from the grave are stated somewhat as follows:-Having formed a collusion with some friends, he took a large dose of morphia, and when found in the morning the vital forces were apparently extinct. As he was considered dead, of course no objections were raised to his body being restored to his family.

This being done, in order to carry out the deception, a coffin was procured and regular funeral services held, the body being committed to what all supposed to be its final resting-place. When everything was over his grave was opened, the body removed, and by the application of powerful remedies soon restored to its normal condition. Prudence of course required that he should leave a country where he was no longer safe, and accordingly he went to England, his former home.

This story seems to savor more of romance than of reality, but if our account should prove correct, and we have great confidence in the reliability of our information, it will be another illustration of the truth of the old adage, "Truth is stranger than fiction."-Lawrence (Kansas) Journal.

Foreign Literary Items.

and welcome visitor of the worthy knight's. The letters of the two eminent men having been collected and arranged by their common friend, Professor Franz Pfeiffer, they have now, after Pfeiffer's recent death, been edited by another friend, Professor Wagner, of Vienna. The book a bardware wagner, of Vienna. book, a handsome volume, with the portraits of Lassberg, Uhland, and Pfeiffer (and a biography of the latter by Professor Bartsch), has just ap-peared at Vienna, and, besides being highly instructive as to Old German matters in general, serves to illustrate, in a charming way, the cordial intercourse and the patriarceal habits of that amiable literary group in the farthest southwest of Germany.

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Hindi), at the special Imperial School of Living Oriental Languages. —The edition of Chancer's Astrolabe by Mr. Skeat, announced for the Early English Text

Society this year, is to have a rival in another edition by a Mr. Brae, of Leeds. —The French Academy will proceed, on the 7th of April, to fill up the seats vacant by the deaths of MM. de Lamartine and Sainte-Beuve. The date for filling up those vacant by the The date for filling up those vacant by the deaths of the Duc de Broglie and M. de Ponger-

ville has not yet been fixed. —The first three volumes of Prof. Jowett's translation of the "Dialogues" of Plato are expected to appear in the course of the present. year. Professor Jowett is also preparing an edition of the text of "The Republic," with English notes.

-Hans Breitmann's Anglo-Dutch (or Dutch-English) dialect is to be discussed before the British Philological Society in June, by Prof. S. S. Haldemann, of Columbia, in a paper written to form part of Mr. Alexander J. Ellis' History of English Pronunciation, some of the phases of

which this modern dialect illustrates. —The Revue Critique praises a cheap little Lexicon of the German words taken from the Greek, by Dr. E. Laubert, and wants a Franch philologist to do a like work for France-of course excluding the million colnages of science. Why shouldn't we have an English book of the kind ?

The indefatigable Dantophilist of Bologna, the Cavalier Professor Luchano Scarabelli, is proceeding at a railroad speed with the printing of the codici of the Divina Commedia, which he has taken in hand. With the Codice Frammen-tario he has already got as far as the Ninth Canto of the Purgatory; and the sheets of the "Dante dei XX," as he calls the edition con-taining the readings of twenty codici, are passing at an express rate through the press; they have reached the Thirteenth Canto of the Inferno. As if these labors were not enough to occupy him, such is the zeal and activity of the learned Professor that he is also bringing out learned Professor that he is also bringing out an unedited work by the famous Bolardo, Count of Scandiano, which has hitherto been singu-larly neglected. It is a translation of the "De Viris Illustribus" of Cornelius Nepos. This he is printing along with the Latin text, and the best specimens from other translators are added by way of contrast with the magnificent render ing, as the Professor calls it, of the author of "Orlando Innamorato." The work will be dedi-cated to the Prince Thomas, whose mother, the Duchess of Genoa, is better pleased that her son should receive the dedication of a book than that he should accept the offer of a crown.

-The epistolary literature of Germany has been enriched by a valuable addition-the Cor-respondence of Uhland, the poet, with Baron yon Lagsberg, the most original and enthusiastic lover of Old German literature. Living, formerly, at Eppishausen, in Thurgau and later (from 1836 to 1855, the year of his death), in his old castle of Meersburg, on the Lake Constance, Baron Lassberg had brought together one of the finest collections of rare old books and manuscripts everpossessed by a private man in Germany; and it was his pride and pleasure to communicate his treasures (which, after his decease, were pur-chased by Prince Furstenberg for his library at Donaueschingen) to friends for their literary purposes. His baronial hall, a Merovingian structure, and once the abode of Conradin, the last of the Hohenstaulen, was thrown open with noble hospitality to his fellow-an-tiquaries, and an extensive correspondence with each and all of them, as well as a constant wandering to and fro of manuscripts said he, "but has got more or less of the stuff stowed away in a sly corner, expecting to play sharp with the old man on the lay business." Such, indeed, was the fact, many having ap-propriated choice nuggets to private benefit,

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