## NEW-YORKISMS.

NEW YORK, July 29, 1870. The Black Boy at West Point.

A mystery hangs over the black boy at West Point. The truth of the story is hard to get at. The smoke is so thick upon the pearl that its natural lustre is entirely hid. Rival newspapers have sent their interviewers to him, and still the truth hangs fire. To-day we read an eloquent letter from him which wrings the heart; tomorrow opposing parties print a revelation that unwrings it. In the midst of these contradictions the question seems to be tapering into "Is there a black boy at West Point at all, or is he a newspaper myth, an Ethiopian Frankenstein galvanized into life by horrid sensation-seekers?" Is it true that he has been snubbed and sworn at, laid out, set up, and had a head put on him (whenever I feel strongly I use good, plain, idiomatic English), or does he live in clover with his bread buttered on both sides? If I take the word of this reporter the conviction is fixed upon me that the black boy at West Point is treated with the sweetest courtesy, the most distinguished consideration by the officers and drill-masters there. If I turn to that one I am compelled to believe that he is regarded with the same intolerable toleration with which a colored blag-yer-boots aspiring to a cadetship would be contemplated. Reason reels before the alternative presented, and I catch myself promising myself to devote my first holiday to visiting the black boy at West Point. I should like to know whether, after all, there is one really there. If so, whether he writes his letters to the newspapers all alone by himself. At present he has but one rival in this respect in English literature. Is it necessary to say that I allude to Lydia Thompson? The "Ready Letter-Writer" forbid ! Literary Egg-Suckers.

York is mushroomed with men who earn a living by writing short stories. The representative story-writer is an unwholesome and painful sight. He may be able to shake romances out of his coat-sleeve, but the sleeve itself is very practically ragged, and as the interior of it catches the corner of your eye, you perceive that it comes next to the skin without the intervention of a linen or muslin garment. Possibly a pair of wristbands, with an expensive edge of dirt, deceives the careless observer into a belief in the existence of a shirt, but that pretense is not invariably successful. The coat is remarkable for the affectionate tenacity of the button-holes and buttons for one another, and the smell of drink as inseparably clings to him as the preposition to to a verb in the infinitive.

This is the representative story-writer, but there are several exceptions to him. Who is this that cometh, with filbert nails as clean as a mandarin's, and a general air of touch-me-not neatness? This is he who wrote "Found in an Ash-Barrel; or, The Baby-Farmer of Bloomingdale." His popularity is so unquestionable that the Daily News gives him credit for every story of his that it copies, and the Police News and the New Idea pay him three dollars a column. O believe me, it is something to wield an influence like to this, to know that the public is waiting to grab for every masterpiece that leaves your right hand, while you have only to grab the greenbacks which obsequious publishers cram into your left. This is indeed to write with a purpose, to teach the young idea (or rather the New Idea) how to shoot, so as to hit the bull's-eye of buncombe and morbidity. A ry-writers there are-but you will scarcely find them among the men-who betray any intent other than that of making five dollars by an infinitesimal outlay of time and talent. The bouquet of Bohemia lingers about the vast majority. They suck the literary eggs of celebrated novelists, and then cackle as if they had laid one themselves.

The Elevated Railway. "How's that for high?" is a very natural question with respect to the Elevated Railway when we consider the expensiveness of its failure. So many features connected with it are interesting and extraordinary. Accidents upon it are to be depended upon with such absolute certainty as to promise to become a popular and easy method of suicide, greatly superior to charcoal or Paris green. "Something wrong" is the obscure hiat permanently descriptive of it. No one expects anything better. Thanks to the logic of a highly intelligent and original officer connected with it, the public places immense faith in its practical demonstration of how great a strain it can safely-that is to say, with danger-be subjected to. When the last serious accident occurred, the arguments used by that authority were an exquisite example of dialectic discrimination. "Nothing better could have happened," he exclaimed, in substance, in allusion to the wounded victims. 'This providential fatality, for which we ought to be grateful, teaches us where our weak point is and what amount of strain the road will not bear. O let us be joyful!" Since he was not a scratch the worse, perhaps it is only human nature for him to have thus expressed himself. At any rate it is an unusual and pleasant sight to see an officer of a public company so quick to recognize the hand of Providence in some one else's injuries. It proves him to possess a healthy, happy heart. and leads one to believe that similar calamities will be accepted as proving the Elevated Railway to be under the especial blessing of Providence. It is something to be able to feel that a road of peculiar danger built for the express accommodation of the public has at its head one who knows where to put the responsibility of loss of life or limb. It is not too late for men holding equally important positions to follow so lovely and sensible an example. Suppose, for instance, one of our theatres with narrow lanes of exit should be burnt down some night while crowded to the brim? According to Elevated Railway logic, it would be the best thing that could have happened, illustrating as it would that the lobbies should have been made wider and the aisles not blocked up with camp-stools. Who could impeach an argument like this?

Japanese Fans.

The Japanese fan sells cheap in the street. It is cried at street corners and in the city car, and flutters equally in the hands of those who keep shops and those who do shopping. Fanning being a fashion characteristic of the J panese, we seem to have imported it along with the "agitators." Consequently the coquettish sentiment of the fan is in a slight degree injured. When a pursy haberdasher takes to brandlehing one in his "pudgy" hand, the romance of the thing is destroyed. Flirtation no longer flashes out of every stick or trembles in the downy fringe of the cunning little triangular trifles. Poetry steals away abashed before the hard front of utility. Perhaps some compensation is found in the knowledge of Japanese social customs which the illuminated surface of the Japanese fan reveals. But I am inclined to think that those triumphs of oriental art are for the most part lost upon the heavy-breathing fanners, who, if I may judge from half-uttered sen-

tences, are industriously engaged in heaping silent but sincere curses upon the weather.

> ALI BABA. FALL OF A BRIDGE.

Disnatrons Result of a Storm at Pittsburg-Span of a Bridge Destroyed, and a Number of Persons Injured. The violent storm which visited the city and

vicinity yesterday afternoon was, like all its predecessors, productive of direful results. The severest accident of the afternoon occurred at the Ewalt street bridge, in course of construction across the Allegheny river.

shortly before three o'clock, and just before the heavy storm, a terrible gale set in, which, coming up the river, blew down trees and fences in the vicinity. The wind struck the new bridge, the framework of the span, next the Pittsburg side, which was partially completed, falling with a terrible crash to the river, carrying down a number of workmen. There were at the time about eighteen men at work near the centre of the span, and four ran off the Pittsburg side, while two succeeded in reaching the first pier before the structure fell. Twelve men went down, and it is a wonder that some of them were not killed, as the wood-work was terribly wrecked, while huge irons were

wrenched into every possible shape.

The water where the accident occurred was fortunately shallow, and those who were not injured by the fall and falling timbers managed to escape from among the debris. The injured men were rescued by persons who had been at work on shore.

No one, it is thought, was fatally injured, but the escape of the men from death was very wonderful.—Pittsburg Chronicle, 28th.

WIGWAG.

Simon's Interest in the Politics of Allegheny County.

The Pittsburg Commercial of Thursday says:-We have it on reliable authority that Simon Cameron takes the deepest interest in the politics of Allegheny county at present, and that he has directed the ring, in his service here, to throw the county into the hands of the Democrats rather than have the reform ticket elected. In other words, the Cameron instruction is:-Permit no Republican to be sent to Congress or the Legislature that is not a Cameron man. Hence the tenacity with which the ring, under the leadership of the servants ot Cameron, hold out against the Republican movement. It is for this reason a second ticket is to be brought into the field. Over and over have we asked why this should be done, and no answer has been forthcoming. The real motive the ring dare not avow. It would be fatal to them to do it. But it has transpired that the reason is that Cameron has issued his edict that no Republican for Congress or the Legislature not a trusted Cameron man shall be elected from Allegheny this fall.

Republicans of Allegheny! to what base uses have you come at last? Your organization is in. the hands of the greatest political corruptionist the country has produced, and you, your party, its principles, ali, are to be sacrificed to further his interest and maintain his power!

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BERT, wife of George W. Shubert, and daughter of the late Samuel Foster, of Cape May, in the 28th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her uncle, Jacob Acker, No. 1638 S. Sixth street, on Sunday afternoon, July 31, at 3 o'clock. Services at Olivet Baptist Church.

WALLACE.—On the 27th instant, ELIZABETH, wife of Alexander Wallace, aged 31 years.

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