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Even Our Own Corresponden NEW YORK, Aug. 1, 1870.

The Murder of Mr. Nathan.

It seems as though, in the endeavor to clear away the mystery surrounding Mr. Nathan's murderer, the reporters of New York had been given permission to soar to the loftiest height and to the lowest depth to which fancy's wing could wait them. I can imagine the Smiths, Browns, and Joneses of the various newspapers, bursting, in a sweat of intelligence, into editorial rooms, laying in triumph the huddled heaps of facts before managing editors, and being instantly directed to "write up" their accounts, and append to each a "theory." Reportorial invention was certainly never put to a severer test. Nearly every one of the Sunday and the daily papers has had a "theory" of its own. From a consideration of the various hypotheses, it might be imagined that the brood of reporters had been brought up in the shadow of the detective wing, and that the shell through which they picked their way into newspaper existence was circumstantial evidence. It is not often that full swing is given to the New York reporter. So much that comes to his mill turns out not to be grist, that when corn of a sufficiently criminal character does fall in his way, he must be excused for grinding it very small indeed. The murder of Mr. Benjamin Nathan, last Friday morning, was of this character, and the reporters fed upon it like oxalic acid on an ink spot. Let us try to appreciate, while we compassionate their efforts, admitting, at the same time, that it is a pity that they are not forbidden to weaken, with ill-considered theories of their own, the effect of the facts which they so industriously collect. There are some readers who like to think a little for themselves, and who, without overweening discomfort, could dispense with the suppositions which those genttemen bountifully rain upon them.

Knowing that I can detail here no item of news of which the telegraph will not have informed you before this letter is printed, I shall attempt nothing more ambitious than a collection of such odds and ends as occur to me of gossip and reflection. Since the hour when the murder became known, the north side of Twenty-third street directly opposite the residence of the Nathan family has been occupied by curious gazers whose number sometimes swelled into a crowd, sometimes dwindled to a group. I believe that since the moment when the news of the crime became public scarcely an hour has passed without finding a bevy of inguisitive watchers, besides the police, stationed upon that opposite pavement. It is no of speech to say that the fignre stages which go near that point slackened their speed in order to allow passengers to satisfy the hunger of their eyes. The same thing may be said of the cars. Whenever one of them came near the intersection of Twenty-third street and Broadway the passengers, with few exceptions, jumped up, and, as if actuated by one will, stuck their heads out of the windows, and riveted their eyes upon the spot that murder had put beyond the reach of the commonplace. The hour was one of joy and triumph to the policemen. It gave them a coveted pretext for using their "locusts," and for practising that sort of blackguardism which the protection of the blue coat and brass buttons renders safe. Strange as it may seem, respectable men were heard to abet the detestable conduct of the New York Sunday Mercury in casting suspicion upon Washington, Mr. Nathan's youngest son. The reason that the Mercury took the course which it did is simply that its reporter, in endeavoring to gather news at a rather late hour, was repulsed by Washington. The reporters of the Mercury are not pre-eminently distinguished for refined feelings, gentlemanly manners, or religious principle. The instructions which they receive from Mr. Whitney are not precisely such as would tend to fit them for the kingdom of heaven. But when they "go" for a piece of news their tenacity of purpose is wonderful, and the piece of news usually has to succumb. The Mercury reporter, however, called on Saturday at an hour when such intrusion was particularly repugnant to the family. During every one of the twenty-four preceding hours the house had been visited by a stream of "interviewers," and it would have been strange indeed if the crushed spirits of the mourners had not asked for a little rest. It was Mr. Washington Nathan through whom this request found expression, and whom, theretore, the Mercury selected as the victim ot its spite. This accounts for the two columns of malicious perversion that on Sunday morning appeared upon the first page of the Mercury, and labored to fix the crime on Washington. That an unprincipled and filthy paper like the Meroury should do so ought not, perhaps, to cause much surprise; but that any respectable man of sense should take up such arguments as were used in the Mercury, and should endeavor to give them consistency, is a fact at once astonishing and painful. I have but little doubt that hundreds of people made up their minds yesterday that Washington Nathan was the murderer of his father. When that cruel suspicion deepened until it seemed to catch the blackness of fact, it was easy to imagine a series of causes equally consistent and just. I hope that, without being accused of starting a "theory," I may be permitted to make a remark about the diamond studs which were stolen. It seems to be taken for granted that stolen diamonds can always be disposed of without difficulty or danger, provided their setting be destroyed. It must be remembered, however, that jewellers have, with regard to diamonds, a memory quite as remarkable as desectives have with regard to faces. There are in this city jewellers who are so extremely expert in this particular that no diamond which has passed through their hands, no matter what change of setting it may experience, can any more escaye identification, should it come to them again, than an escaped convict, sentenced by Judge Dowling, can elude, in or out of disguise, that magistrate's remarkable memory. The singular aptitude that many jewellers possess of recognizing, under any circumstances. diamonds which have once been in their possession, was curiously illustrated, some years ago, in the case of a diamond that was offered for sale to Ball, Black & Co., by a stranger who called at their store. The gentleman who has special charge of the diamond department, and to whom the stone was submitted, instantly recognized it, although its setting had been changed, as one that had disappeared some months before. He therefore kept it in his possession, notwithstanding his belief in the integrity of the stranger who offered it for sale. Slowly the course of the diamond was traced back from hand to hand, until a boy was reached who, at the time it disappeared, had been discharged under suspicion of having stolen it. Any contrast or comparison between the history of this diamond and of the studs that were taken from Mr. Nathan's shirt will probably, before this letter is

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malled, be rendered pointless by the capture of the criminal. In case of that event's not taking place, however, as speedily as it is anticipated to occur, it will at least be interesting to reflect that the most valuable articles he stole cannot be disposed of quite so easily as most people imagine. ALT BABA.

REPUBLICS FAVORING CUBA.

A Lengue of South American Republics to Free the Spanish Antilics. From the Panama Mail.

On the 17th June the House of Representa-On the 17th sume the House of Representa-tives, now in session in the capital, passed a bill which, if approved by the Senate, as it almost certainly will be, will be equivalent to a declaration of war against Spain. The bill was introduced in the House on the 12th May, and was enthusiastically received. It proposes the formation of a solemn compact between all the Spanish American roughling for the number of Spanish-American republies for the purpose of obtaining the independence of the Spanish An-tilles from the domination of Spain and the cre-ation of republics in those islands. No doubt can exist, therefore, that the conversion of this bill into law would be tantamount to declaring the republic at war with Spain, and as such it would be considered by that kingdom or republic.

The committee of the House, which reported favorably on the bill, arrived deliberately at the following conclusions

1. The cause for which Cuban patriots fight is the same for which Colombia fought incessantly trom 1810 to 1824.

2. The interests of self-preservation and our duty as a civilized and Christian nation justify in the most complete manner Colombian intervention.

3. The aggressions of monarchical Europe against the liberty and independence of America always have had and always will have for a

base Spanish dominion in Cuba. 4. The policy of the United States cannot serve as a guide to Colombia on this occasion. 5. The resources that we may need for this

war are not beyond our means. 6. The time has arrived that Colombia should

assume in the politics of South America the position to which she is called by her topo-graphical situation, her historical traditions, her population, and her political conquests.

Any one who knows the state of diplomatic relationship at present existing between Spain and her former colonies, cannot but readily derstand that this step which Colombia has taken will lead not only to the freedom of the Antilles, but to the arrangement of such treaties between the South American republics and Spain as will set at rest forever many long disputed and much debated questions which have remained pending since the independence was gained. Commerce and agriculture may suffer for a while; but we still see room to hope that this republic may benefit by the crisis through which it will have to pass; and we believe the war, if commenced, will terminate with slight loss of blood, though at a large sacrifice of money, and leave old party rancors forgotten, from Colombians having again become brothers from having served on the same field and against the same common enemy.

THE RAMIE PLANT.

Process for Refining the Fibre.

A great deal of interest is felt by our agricul-tural and mercantile readers in the new textile plant known as ramie. A year or two ago single plants sold in this vicinity at the rate of one dollar each, but they have since been re-garded by our planters rather as a curlosity than as an object of material interest, there being no economical agencies provided for preparing the staple for market. We have already stated that Mr. Emile Lefranc, of this city, has recently patented a machine which has proved entirely successful in separating the fibre from the wood matter and outer bark: and to show that American ingenuity has been turned in the same direction in other quarters, we extract the following from a letter received by Mr. Lefranc from a gentleman residing in Brooklyn, N. Y .:-

MARRIED.

RUBT-HAY.-On April 7, 1870, at the parsonage, 1405 Hanover street, by the Rev. William H. Mon-roe, Mr. GEORGE W. RUBY to Miss KATE M. HAY, all of Philadelphia.

DIED.

DALTON.—On the 1st instant, HUGH DALTON, in the 63d year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are re-spectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Forty-third street and Lancaster avenue, on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

• FRITZ.—On the 30th ultimo, from injuries received at the late fire, FRANCIS FRITZ, aged 29 years. The relatives and friends of the family, and also the Larrbers of the Philadelphis Hose Company, No. 1, and the Fire Department in general, are re-spectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the house of the Philadelphia Hose Company, Eighth street, below Fitzwater, on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment at Machpelah Cemetery. Logn.—On the 1st instant. Sugary Logn. in the

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LORD,-On the 1st instant, SIMEON LORD, in the 63d year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, and Lodge No. 9, A. Y. M., are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Blue Bell, Darby road, on Thursday, the 4th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. Inter-ment at Mount Moriah Cemetery.

NORTH.-On the 30th of July, 1870, EDMUND B.

North, aged 27 years. The relatives and friends of the family, and also the members of the Independence Lodge, No. 60, of Biackwoodtown, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his parents, at Chew's Landing, Camden county, N. J., on Wednes-day, August 5, at 8 o'clock.

SOMERNDIKE .- On the 30th ultimo, JACOB W. So-MERNDIKE.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late resi-dence, No. 26 Church street, Bridesburg, on Wednesday, August 3, at 3 o'clock.

WILLIAMS .- On the 1st instant, SARAH, wife of William Williams, aged 43 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respect-

stant friendship. She possessed many good traits,

noble characteristics, and shining virtues. She was

for years a constant visitor at the prisons, and, with-

out hope or expectation of reward in this world.

administered comfort and relief to the unfortunate.

Her benevolent labors in this direction were inter-

rupted by the sad affliction of two of her children,

who were prostrated by distressing sickness,

requiring her constant attention. As her

family cares and anxieties became more

imperative, she gradually withdrew from

the more prominent duties of society, leaving to

others who were less incumbered with the cares

and anxieties of home a good example of benevo-

She was a kind neighbor, always ready to assist in

sickness with cheerful alacrity, and very often at the

sacrifice of her own comfort, forgetting her own

case for the good of others. Her well-provided

table was ready at all times to dispense refreshment

to the welcome visitor, without stint or that arbi-

trary ceremony which so often mars hospitality.

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were forgotten: the poor and the rich met together.

and were made at ease by her cheerful and unosten-

tatious disposition, feeling that their welcome was

sincere. While she was engagded in her family

duties, without warning, the dread summons came,

With calm and tranquil mind she summoned her

family around her. With thoughts dwelling upon

the mercy of her Maker, with firm belief in the

merits of her Saviour, reclining in the arms of her

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fully invited to attend the funeral, from her hus-band's residence, No. 1520 South street, on Thurs-day, the 4th instant, at 3 o'clock. To proceed to Mt.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. REBECCA L. HOWELL .- In the death of this lady, which sook place suddenly, on the 20th day of July,'a loss has been sustained by a large circle, who deeply mourn her departure. Many have shared her hospitality, and been cheered by her genial and generous kindhess. It is these who are conscious of the irreparable loss, and feel forsaken at her de-Pacific at Fort parture. They have many kind recollections of her good deeds, her cheerful benevolence, and her con-

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