

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND THE WOMEN.

Bratons rest far too much upon our beef and mutton, and suffer most ignominiously when deprived of them—as we did this day.

While looking forward anxiously to the cap's au fait and bread and butter, of which alone we could be quite sure, Numbers Two and Three—being patient folk, and not exasperated by inevitable ills—sallied out to post some letters and arrange about the diligence.

It was a still, clear night, and the quiet streets dimly lighted by a new moon, looked most tempting.

St. Lo was already on the point of retiring to rest; but we found one shop open, where a woman, with the charming politeness of the French middle class, nay, all classes, not only explained the way, but sent her little boy to show it to us.

The small fellow trotted along by our side, chattering his pretty French, and as courteous and considerate as his elders—all for pure curiosity, too, for both he and his mother looked quite astonished at the gift of a few sous.

Equally polite, in that free way to which we are unaccustomed in England, was the old man of whom we took our places for the diligence.

He explained, with the greatest care, what sort of vehicle it was, nay, went out of his way to show it to us, and impressed upon us, with most fatherly anxiety, that we must take plenty of wraps, as it was sure to be very cold; also that it started at 6 A. M., and that we and our baggage must on no account be later than that hour at the terminus.

MANUFACTURING GREEN TEA.—Let us first suppose that we are witnessing the preparation of green tea. It being quite exceptional to meet with a tea-farmer who is likewise a manipulator, the sun-dried leaves are often conveyed many leagues; but the further they remain in the unmanufactured condition, the more likely they are to deteriorate.

Under favorable circumstances, the leaves usually reach the pans within two hours, and are plucked. The pans are half filled, and the heat so regulated as to increase very slowly, yet not beyond a point which would prevent a workman using his bare hands. Keeping the leaves in constant motion for five minutes, he scoops out the whole with a curved porcelain implement into a bamboo basket, transferring its contents to the rolling table or frame, around which several manipulators are seated.

The first grasp as many leaves as his two hands can contain, which he works into a ball, employing all the pressure at his command, and rolling the mass about on the tables at intervals. It is then passed on to the next, who gently bruises it, rapidly twisting each leaf between the finger and thumb of both hands; alternately rolled, then disintegrated and retwisted, the ball passes from one to another round the table, and is finally rubbed between the palms of the last workman's hands into a shallow vessel, which, when full, is once more emptied into the heated pan.

The second roasting the charcoal fire is partially smothered in ashes, in order that a minimum heat may be evolved, but the leaves are not permitted to remain a moment quiescent. Thus far they are still moist, soft, and slightly glutinous to the touch, so that they readily retain much of the configuration or twist imparted by the dexterous fingers of the manipulators. At this stage the superintendent, going round the pans and tables, decides what further treatment the contents shall undergo; the larger leaves, according to quality, being again rolled with a continuous circular motion on the tables, so as to produce Gunpowder, Imperial and Twankey.

The German, whose liberal tendencies are on so many points in perfect harmony with American ideas, becomes at once acclimated in his new transatlantic home; but the Frenchman seldom or never develops into a model American.

The Germans sarcastically say the French have earned the right to be called the most noted geographers in the world, inasmuch as they are so conspicuous for their ignorance of it. It is asserted that they have proved it, especially during the present war, by planning to bombard Germany in a way which they could not even reach, except on paper.

A QUANT TOWN IN NORMANDY.—The afternoon light was fading over a lovely country, with fertile meadows like England, and glens just like Scotland, as we took our last bit of railway travelling to St. Lo, where the reign of locomotive ends and that of diligences begins.

There was a landlady, the very face of whom tempted us to stay, instead of going on, as we first intended, to Coutances; and no other room being at the moment vacant, she established half of our tired quartet in her own. It was quite a picture. The furniture was mahogany, almost black with age; the angles were of the pretty cretonne which corresponds to one of our old-fashioned chintz. Beside one of the beds was a velvet prie-dieu, and over it a shelf, on which were arranged a number of religious ornaments. In a corner was a child's crib (Madame was still a young woman, with little children about her, but whether wife or widow, I do not know,) and in the window-sill was fitted up an apartment, quite perfect in its way.

The Armistice Question. Bismarck and Granville. TO-DAY'S WASHINGTON NEWS. Army and Navy Orders. Important Treasury Statistics.

THE MORMON CURRENCY.—The Mormons reached Salt Lake Valley in an utterly impoverished condition. The cash capital of the entire community, says a writer in the Overland Monthly for September, would not probably have exceeded \$1000.

THE COLOR OF THE SKIN.—In Europe we find three varieties of colorations of skin, viz. olive brown, with black eyes; black hair and beard; auburn hair and beard, with dark blue eyes; and fair complexion, with fair hair and light blue eyes.

THE ARMISTICE QUESTION.—Information from an official source by cable was received here to-day to the effect that Bismarck does not consider Lord Granville's note as a proposition for an armistice. He thinks the proposition should come from France. Thiers will probably be permitted to go to Versailles, but there is uncertainty about his being allowed to enter Paris.

FROM EUROPE. LONDON, Oct. 29.—American securities closed quiet. Stocks quiet.

ALSAUCE AND LORRAINE. A Schemer of Mediation. The London Times of October 15 observes that the only stumbling-block in the way of peace is the surrender of Alsace and Lorraine.

THE ITALIAN PEASANT.—The peasantry of Italy are not much addicted to dancing, except in carnival, and the village dances are as a peccato mortale, or deadly sin, when they have the charade. A prilla fete in most parts of Italy is a day on which there is nothing to do, when people walk about in their best clothes, eat and drink better than usual, and go to church three times instead of once; once to mass, once to vespers, and once to funzione in the evening.

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THE UNITED STATES TREASURY HOLDS THIS DAY AS SECURITY FOR CIRCULATING NOTES \$344,396,550, as security for deposits and public monies, \$330,481,050; mutilated notes burned during the week ending this date, \$291,800; total amount burned, \$31,179,468; bank currency issued for bills destroyed during the week, \$611,170; total amount issued therefor, \$30,482,636; balance due for mutilated notes \$306,833; bank circulation outstanding this date, \$301,499,329; shipments of currency during the week, \$1,826,266; fractional currency, \$974,375; receipts of fractional currency during the week ending this date, \$322,000; fractional currency destroyed during the week, \$333,61640.

THE ASIATIC FLEET. Rear-Admiral Rodgers has relieved Vice-Admiral Rowan of the command of the Asiatic fleet.

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LOST AT SEA.

The Kicking of the Alexander Petton.—She is said to have kicked her own crew while in a leaky condition.

THE OFFICERS HELD A COUNCIL, and determined to head her off for Nassau, then about 300 miles distant.

SAW HER GO DOWN. The two boats kept together, signaling each other every half hour during the night, until, about 4 o'clock in the morning, the captain's boat disappeared.

SUFFERINGS OF THE MEN. The sufferers undergone by both boats' crews were great.

TERRIBLE DESPAIR. The captain did all he could to encourage the unfortunate men, but at last he lost all hope.

PICKED UP BY A SCHOONER. bound to Texas, hailing from New York, the captain of which, after treating the exhausted men with the utmost kindness, further consented to deviate from his voyage and put the men down at Key West.

N. Y. MONEY MARKET YESTERDAY. From the N. Y. Herald.

THE MONEY MARKET WAS EASY at five to six per cent, early in the day, but after two o'clock large balances were lent at four per cent.

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