

News and Other Items.

A RAILWAY is to be built in Palestine. It will connect Jaffa with Jerusalem, and will be about forty miles long, and with a harbor at Jaffa will cost about a million pounds sterling.

Too Many.—Phillip Anthony, of Franklin county Indiana, married five wives, three of them in Franklin county. All of them still live, and to all of them he is legally bound. For all this he has been arrested and placed in jail to take his trial for bigamy.

SILVER AND LEAD.—Private letters from Rockport Indiana, speak of a great discovery recently made near there. Colonel Woods lately bought a farm at Grandview, five miles from Rockport, and on prospecting for oil, struck a vein of lead and silver, eighteen inches thick, which yields two ounces of pure silver, and eight ounces of pure lead to every pound of ore. What the extent of the vein is, is unknown, of course. That region abounds in coal, and no doubt in oil; and I believe it is not generally known that the finest coal west of Pennsylvania, is to be had at the Rockport mines. They have only been open for a short time, and are scarcely known outside their own county.

A BOY'S LAWSUIT.—Under a great tree, close to the village, two boys found a walnut. "It belongs to me," said Ignatius, "for I was the first to see it." "No, it belongs to me," cried Bernard, "for I was the first to pick it up," and so they began to quarrel in earnest. "I will settle the dispute," said an older boy, who had just then come up. He placed himself between the two boys, broke the nut in two and said: "The one piece of shell belongs to him who first saw the nut; the other piece of shell belongs to him who first picked it up; but the kernel I keep for judging the case. And this," he said, as he sat down and laughed, "is the common end of most lawsuits."

A TOAD UNDRESSING.—Audubon relates that he once saw a toad undress himself. He commenced by pressing his elbows hard against his sides and rubbing downward. After a few smart rubs his sides began to burst open along his back. He kept on rubbing until he had worked all his skin into folds on his sides and hips; then grasping one hind leg with both hands, he hauled off one leg of his pants the same as anybody would, then stripped off the other hind leg in the same way. He then took his cast off cuticle forward from his fore legs into his mouth and swallowed it; then by raising and lowering his head, swallowing as his head came down, he stripped off the skin underneath until it came to his fore legs, and then grasping one of those with the opposite hand, by considerately pulling striped the other, and by a single motion of the head, and while swallowing he drew it from the neck and swallowed the whole.

HOW TO FOMENT MISCHIEF.—There seems to be a principle in human nature, a kind of rogish curiosities that impels one to act upon suggestions given in such a manner as to imply that, though wrong, it is expected they may, or will be, followed out. The farmer who had a husking-frolic, and told his neighbors' boys present that they must be peaceable and orderly on the way home, and must not put neighbor Smith's cart on his corn-barn, was not probably surprised, or ought not to, have been, to find that the cart was actually astride of the corn-barn when the sun rose next morning. Neither is this principle confined wholly to children. There is a story of a Catholic priest and a hostler which is not inappropriate. When a hostler had finished making confessions of his sins, the priest inquired of him if he had ever greased the teeth of his customers horses to prevent them from eating their oats. The hostler declared that he had never heard of such a thing. The next time he went to the confessional, the first offence which he had to acknowledge was that he had been greasing the teeth of his customers' horses.—*Illinois Teacher.*

WHERE THE COLD COMES FROM.—Our observations of the cold terms for several years, show that the icy wave comes down over the central portion of this continent, striking our Western States and passes over the ocean in a south easterly direction. The cold wave does not affect the Pacific shore; it comes down from the Arctic regions upon the Rocky Mountains, and then turns eastward, so that the first news we have of it, before it reaches here, is from Minnesota, Nebraska, and Utah. It follows the valleys and the course of the waters, and spends itself over the Gulf Stream, where it warms again and rising as it expands, is wafted back in the upper atmosphere. This cold air current is just the opposition to the warm water current which we call the Gulf Stream. That comes from the torrid zone westerly, and is turned northward by the configuration of the lands, as the cold air wave is eastward when it strikes the mountains, and thence runs along our coast affecting the climate of the lands near it, till it loses itself in the Northern ocean and ice. So God has provided in nature for heat and cold mutually to affect each other.

AN OIL STORY.—The other day S—, who does a comfortable little business down-town, but always has ways of spending money, provided he had a little more of it, thought he would try his luck in the oil regions, and happened to be on the spot when the famous Holmden well was struck, so much talked of lately. He immediately ascertained who owned an adjoining tract of land supposed to be equally rich, and repaired to the house where the man lived not far off. Arriving about three o'clock in the morning, he professed to be very much fatigued—he "didn't like to sleep on grapevines," and wanted a more comfortable place. In course of time, conversation turned to that tract of land. The owner expatiated upon its probable value, and suggested that his friend, just arrived, would do well to try his luck as a purchaser. The latter said he "might not object to a trade, if he had money and more time to devote to such ventures," &c. but at length inquired about the price. Twelve thousand dollars was named. W. E. L., supposing your wife draws up a bill of sale, and meanwhile I'll see." The document was prepared, the cost paid and the signatures affixed. Next day S—, was offered \$40,000 for one quarter of his purchase. Happening to meet in Oil-Dorado soon after, the late owner dryly remarked, "Don't like sleeping on grape-vine, &c." These are facts.—*New York Journal of Commerce.*

A FRENCH SCENE.—A Frenchman named Soulages, a native of Colmar, has for some time past been exhibiting with great success, at Wurtzburg, as a lion tamer. One day he entered a den containing a lion and a lioness, and made them go through various performances. The spectators loudly applauded. Elated by these plaudits, Soulages determined to do something more extraordinary, and for that purpose he collected in one den, a lion, a lioness, a white bear, two black bears, four hyenas, two wolves and a tiger. He then entered himself, whip in hand but the door was scarcely closed when the tiger made a spring at the white bear. This was the signal for a terrific struggle between all the beasts, who appeared at once to recover their natural ferocity. Soulages hoping to intimidate the animals, fired two pistol shots at the tiger and white bear. This act sealed his fate for the tiger, leaving the bear, sprang on his keeper, threw him down, and began to tear him with his teeth and claws. The other beasts, rendered furious by the smell of blood, all fell on the unhappy man, and in a few minutes he was torn to pieces, and almost entirely devoured, in the presence of the horror struck spectators, who were powerless to render assistance.—*Foreign Paper.*

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