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THE TOMB OF SASSACUS.

Judge Richard A. Wheeler, of Stonington, writes to the New Haven *Register*: "I have read an article in your paper of of this week headed 'Plundering the Tomb of Sassacus,' adding that 'the remnant of the Pequot tribe of Indians occupies a reservation of about 1,000 acres at Indiantown, between Ledyard and Stonington.' On this land are the sepulchres of the tribe. There are two reservations occupied by remnants of the Pequots, not between Ledyard and Stonington, but one in North Stonington and the other in Ledyard. The Ledyard Pequots are the descendants of the warriors assigned to Uncas in the Hartford treaty of 1637. The North Stonington Indians descend from the warriors assigned by said treaty to Miantonomoh and Ningiret. This remnant located themselves after the Pequot war on both sides of Massatuxet Creek in Westerly, R. I., where they remained until 1661, when they were driven over Pawcatuck River into the town of Stonington by the first planters of Misquamicut. When in Stonington they were located at several places, part at Canset neck (now known as Palmer's neck), another portion on Cosatuc hill, and the rest of them under Catapeset at Taugwoak. The English did not permit them to hold and occupy these places undisturbed. Finally in 1683, a committee were appointed by the general court to provide for them a permanent place of abode. In pursuance of this authority the committee purchased of I. Wheeler the North Stonington reservation. The deed bears date May 24, 1683. The remnant assigned to Uncas would not submit to his authority, and after a few years most of them congregated at Noank, in the town of Groton. Cassasinamon, their nominal chief, petitioned the general court for more land, which was granted them in 1665 at Mashantuxet, which is now the Ledyard reservation. Doubtless these reservations are in some shape their sepulchers, but that Sassacus was ever buried there has no foundation in fact. When Captain Mason stormed and took the Pequot fort in 1637, Sassacus was not there. He made his escape and fled to the Mohawks for protection. Having been previously at variance with them, they took advantage of his situation and beheaded him, and sent his scalp as a trophy to Connecticut. Whether he was buried or cremated is not known; probably the latter.

COMICAL CHINESE WAR PICTURES.

One of the most amusing strokes of newspaper enterprise we have seen for "many a long day" has been carried out by the Paris *Figaro* in producing facsimiles of Chinese illustrations of the Tonquin expedition. The Celestials issued highly colored plates of the war, of course in each case depicting the French as bolting in abject terror before the soldiers of the Flowery Land. These pictures look like copies of willow-pattern plates, printed in brimstone and brick-dust upon the side of a tea chest. The attack on Sontay is particularly brilliant, as it is ornamented with a very liberal hand. In front the Frenchmen retreat in two rows, in one or two cases minus a leg or a head, while the Chinese follow up (amidst a shower of tea chest characters) at a victorious jog trot. Leading the Celestials is a man on a huge wooden horse, waving two scimetars about the size of windmill sails, while from the Chinese rifles issue streams of fire in two straight and bloody lines, one terminating in a Frenchman's ear, and the other losing itself in a Frenchman's coat tails. In the centre of a huge blue and red lake are a dozen smashed spiders, with the figure eight overhead. Upon referring to the index we find that this refers to the dispersal of the Gallic navy. It is, however, in depicting a naval battle that the celestial artist has excelled himself. Here one awful cannon is belching forth a perfect tornado of shot and shell in a wide stream clean across the picture. In its path of progress it cuts in two great ships and decimates a whole regiment, the limbs of the soldiery being depicted as flying all over the place; a head here, and so on. At a table in one corner sits a man who is supposed to be the complacency. The whole thing is indescribably funny, and the *Figaro* has certainly scored a point in publishing such exquisite reproductions.

The masters of chivalry knew that the first and necessary impulse of every truly taught and knightly heart is that of blind service to its lady; there where the true service is not, all wayward and wicked passion must be; and that in rapturous obedience to its true love is the sanctification of all men's strength and the continuance of all his purposes, and this because it ought to be impossible for any man to love any one whose gentle counsel he cannot trust.

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LIVES OF MORMONS.

As a rule, the polygamist has some property before increasing his stock of wives. In the city, therefore, it is seldom that the different wives share the same quarters. In the country this is not so uncommon, but the natural unpleasantness follows in most cases. The general method is to have a large house, the main part of which, perhaps, is occupied by the first wife, and wings or additions by the successive candidates for marital honors. These large, straggling, hotel-like houses are common in Salt Lake City, and mark a difference between it and a town of small houses like Cheyenne and most other Western villages. In many cases, however, the husband sets up his wives in separate homes, either side or in different parts of the city. In any case each has her own kitchen garden, etc. I have in mind a wealthy dignitary of the church who has seven wives. Each of these women has some farming and garden ground of her own, and all are greatly devoted to rearing bees. With the help of their grown children they each raise a large amount of produce and honey annually. The husband acts as their agent. He hives their swarms of bees, and charges them for it; he renders special aid when called upon, and is paid for it; he sells their crops and honey when it is ready, and credits each wife with her due share. Most of them live in suites of apartments under the roof of his great house in town, but the first wife has a beautiful farm of her own a little out of the city, of which she and her children have retired, to end their days in peaceful independence. The way in which this old gentleman has always arranged his domestic life is reported to be thus: he had certain rooms in his house where he kept his bed, his wardrobe, his books, and saw any visitors who called upon him. Here he was a bachelor, and here he stayed every other day and night. On alternate days and nights he was the guest of one or another of his wives in regular rotation, devoting the one day (in this case fortnightly) which was hers, diligently to her society. Of course this routine was not invariable, but for the most part it was regularly followed.

BIBLIOMANIACS.

Many a man has gone into a bookseller's shop for some particular work, and after looking around has left it with the appetite for acquiring fanned into flame for the rest of his life. The modern second hand bookseller is an important factor in the formation of libraries. Often born and bred among books, their study his profession, he frequently possesses an amount of knowedge about them which the amateur, with all his spare time, can never rival. Although most booksellers have some special branch, the knowledge is frequently varied and large, not only in their special interests—the dates, editions and values of books—but also in their contents. And most collectors have experience gratefully the courtesy, patience and persistence often shown in inquiring for and tracing some scarce and desirable volume, in order to obtain which the bookseller has perhaps to put himself into communication with agencies in in both hemispheres. One difficulty which the collector eventually meets—the collector of unlimited purse and insatiable maw at least—is that sooner or later he finds himself opposed to a limited number of copies of some scarce book and a relatively unlimited number of competitors for them. Standard works and the less uncommon rarities he may easily obtain. The volumes of his library may be numbered by thousands. Then arrives the time when—appetite growing with food—he is only to be satisfied by possessing solitary survivors whose companions have perished from the effects of fire, neglect or suppression, or rarities whose fame is world-wide. But on the rare occasions when these come under the hammer he finds himself confronted by other collectors, equally wealthy and determined, and with buyers for the large public libraries, of which so many are now being formed. It is under these conditions that the startling figures are bid that excite feelings of derision or even of anger, in people who have no sympathy with the collector's ambition.

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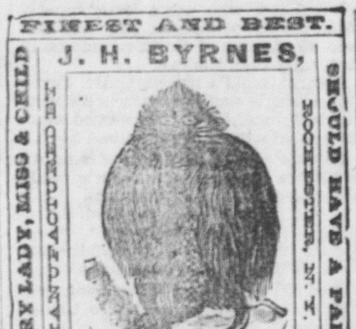

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