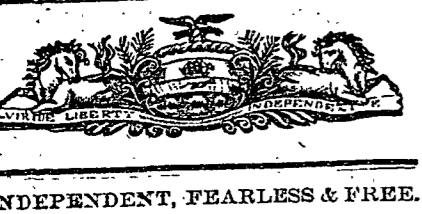


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Incidents of the Famine in India.

Much has been said of the distressing scenes witnessed in India during the recent famine, but we have seen no narrative more touching than the following, which we copy from an English magazine:

A planter was informed that a woman had died by the roadside, and that a living child was at her breast. He sent out his servants, who found the corpse, and the child so tightly clasped in the mother's arms, that in bending it back, stiff and cold, it broke. The poor little infant, exhausted by exposure and want, died as it was being released.

Another ease: A woman, with her three children, crawled up to a planter's house just as the tiffin was being cleared away; the remains of the curry and rice were carried out in the verandah and placed before her. Without attempting to eat, she seated the three children round the dish, who speedily devoured its contents; and, although the mother was wasted to a skeleton, mumbling her thanks, she turned away, grateful that her offspring had been fed, even while she herself still hungered.

Here is yet another instance, still more wonderfully touching in its forgetfulness of self: A little girl and her mother were seen lying under a mango tree. But were faint from hunger; they had been trying to keep life together by feeding on snails, berries and lizards; but growing weaker day by day, they at last sunk down under this tree to await a lingering death.

Some boiled rice was placed before them. The mother was too weak to raise herself, so, although the child's big eyes flashed with hungry gleam, her little hands, well filled, first sought the mother's mouth, and not until she was thus consumed did she herself eat.

Twice Married and Still a Maid. In the great Paris Exhibition there will be a painting with the simple title of "The Widow." A terrible fact connected with this picture is thus related:

The lady is the Countess D—, who, although only twenty-four years of age, has been twice widowed. She is said to be of humble birth; but when only sixteen years of age, her great beauty attracted the attention of the Marquis de U—, who married her. On leaving the church, however, the Marquis was assassinated by some obscure rival, and the lady was left a widow with an immense fortune.

The Marchioness retired to a convent, where she remained until her twentieth year. She had made a journey to various parts of Europe, and visited, among other places, St. Petersburg, where one of the most wealthy boyards of Russia placed at her feet his heart, his diamonds and his millions. The marriage was celebrated in the house of the bridegroom's mother, in a remote part of Russia, some distance from her own estate.

The newly-married couple left for their new home in a magnificent sleigh. On the way they were attacked by wolves, and the Count, in trying to defend his bride, made a false step, fell out of the sleigh into the snow, and was immediately devoured by the wolves. The horses, mad with terror, dashed off with immense speed, and did not stop until they arrived at the Count's chateau, which was brilliantly illuminated for the newly married couple.

While science has labored for the benefit of the human race, it is but a poor return to have imitators start up and claim merits for their articles which never existed except in appearance. Since Hall's Vegetable Sialian Hair Renewer has been introduced, and the remedial effects of this valuable preparation have been so plain, a legion have commenced manufacturing their nostrums. In point of merit there is no comparison, no more than the counterfeit resembles the genuine bank bill.

One has a value for which the holder receives its value, while the other is worthless and is palmed off upon the unwary. The effects of Hall's Sialian Hair Renewer upon the head is to renew the growth of the hair, restore it to its natural color when it has become gray, and cures all diseases of the scalp. The effects are soon from the first bottle.

BEAUTY.—Let me see a female possessing the beauty of a meek and modest deportment—of an eye that bespeaks intelligence and purity within—the lips that speak no guile; let me see in her kind benevolent disposition, a heart that can sympathize with distress; and I will never ask for the beauty that dwells in ruby lips, or the flowing tresses, or snowy hands, or the forty other et ceteras upon which our poets have harped for so many ages: These fade when touched by the hand of time, but those ever enduring qualities of the heart shall outlive their reign, and grow brighter and fresher as the ages of eternity roll away.

FALL OF 1866

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At HALDEMAN'S, Ladies to our DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

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CAPITAL AND ASSETS, \$532,210.49. This Company continues to insure Buildings, Merchandise, and other property, against loss and damage by fire, on the mutual plan, either for a cash premium or premium note.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT. Whole amount insured, \$2,532,366.00. Losses and claims paid, \$809,959.51.

CONTRA. Losses and expenses paid in '65, \$7,878.88. Balance Capital and Assets, Jan. 1, 1866, \$532,210.49.

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