Miscellaneous.

Habits of Great Students.

Racine composed his verses while walking about, reciting them in a loud voice. One day, while thus working at his play of Mithridates, in the Tuileries Gardens, a crowd of workmen gathered around him attracted by his gestures; they took him for a madman about to throw himself into the basin. On his return home from such walks, he would write down scene by scene, at first in prose, and when he had written it out he would exclaim—"My tragedy is done!" considering the dressing of the acts up in verse as a very small affair.

Magliabecchi, the learned librarian to the Duke of Tuscany, on the contrary, never stirred abroad but lived amidst books. These were his bed, board and washing. He passed eight and forty years in their midst, only twice in the course of his life ventured beyond the walls of Florence; once to go two leagues off, and the other three and a half leagues, by order of the Grand Duke. He was an extremely frugal man, living upon eggs, bread, and water in great moderation.

Luther, when studying, always had his dog lying at his feet, a dog he had brought from Wartburg, and of which he was very fond. An ivory crucifix stood at the table before him, and the walls of his study were stuck round with caricatures of the Pope. He worked at his desk for days together without going out; but when fatigued, and the ideas began to stagnate, took his guitar with him into the porch, and there executed some musical phantasy (for he was a skillful musician.) When the ideas would flow upon him as fresh as flowers after a summer's rain. Music was his invariable solace at such times. Indeed, Luther did not hesitate to say that, after theology, music was the first of arts. "Music," said he, "is the first of the prophets; it is the only other art which, like theology, can calm the agitation of the soul, and put the devil to flight." Next to music, if not before it, Luther loved children and flowers. The great gnarled man had a heart as tender as a woman's.

Calvin studied in his bed. Every morning, at five or six o'clock, he had books, manuscripts and papers carried to him there, and had he occasion to go out, on his return he went to bed again to continue his studies. In his latter years he dictated his writing to secretaries. He rarely corrected anything. The sentences issued complete from his mouth. If he felt the faculty of composition leaving him he forthwith quitted his bed, gave up writing and composing and went about his outdoor duties for days, weeks and months together. But as soon as he felt the inspiration fall upon him again, he went back to his bed and his secretary was set to work forthwith.

Pascal wrote most of his thoughts on little scraps of paper; at his by-moments Fenelon wrote his Talemachus in the place of Versailles, at the court of the Grand Monarque, when discharging the duties of tutor to the Dauphin. That a book so thoroughly democratic should have issued from such a source, and be written by a priest, may seem surprising.

De Quincy first promulgated his notions of universal freedom of person and trade, and of throwing all tax on the land—the germ, perhaps of the French Revolution—in the boudoir of Madame de Pompadour.

Bacon knelt down before composing his great work, and prayed for light and inspiration from heaven. Pope never could compose well without first declaiming for some time at the top of his voice and thus rousing his nervous system to its fullest activity.

The life of Leibnitz was one of reading, writing and meditation. That was the secret of his prodigious knowledge. After an attack of the gout, he confined himself to a diet of bread and milk. Often he slept in a chair, and rarely went to bed till after midnight. Sometimes he was months without quitting his seat, where he slept by night and wrote by day. He had an ulcer in his right leg, which prevented his walking about, even had he wished to do so.

Vidocq's Last Exploit.

The last exploit of Vidocq, the famous French detective, is said to have been as follows:

A rich merchant went to him to consult on a deficit of 150,000 francs which he had found on his books. Vidocq demanded:

"What is the age of your cashier?"

"Twenty-five. But I am as sure of him as of myself: he has also been robbed. He is a victim like myself."

"Are you married?"

"Yes,"

"How old is your wife? Is she handsome? Is she honest?"

"Oh, yes, my wife is virtue itself—honorable, attached to me above—"

"Never mind all that; your cashier is twenty-five; is your wife handsome?"

"Since you insist upon knowing, she is handsome, but——"

"But! but! no matter about the buts! You wish to find your money, don't you, and you have confidence in me?"

"Of course I have, since I am here."

"Very well, then, go back home, make believe that you are going on a journey, and introduce me into the house."

"This was done, the merchant left home, and Vidocq hid himself in the closet near the chamber of the lady. Breakfast was served; a young man was shown in, and addressed thus by Madame:

"Very well, Arthur; he is gone, but he suspects us."

"The rival of Carpentier went over a long tirade of love and desolation, concluding with these words:

"Only one road is left open for us; let us take what is left and embark for—"

"Vidocq stepped out of his place of concealment.

Tableau!

"My children, be calm, or I'll break both your heads," said Vidocq. "We understand each, I suppose. Now tell me, where is the stolen money?"

"We have only 100,000 francs left," replied the woman.

"Are you telling the truth?"

"Oh, I swear it."

"Very well, give it to me."

The money was given over.

"Now, then, let this affair be forgotten; never speak of it to your husband, and he shall know nothing. As for you, sir, give me your delicate little thumbs."

He placed handcuffs on the gentleman, conducted him to Havre, put him on a ship bound for America, and left him with the French adieu. "Go hang yourself elsewhere."

Vidocq came to Paris and handed the 100,000 francs to the merchant, saying:

"Your cashier was the thief, but he had spent 50,000 francs of the money with a *danseuse*—I embarked him for New York."

Afterward no happier family was ever known than that of the merchant.

A Suggestive Contrast.

The New York *Ledger* contains the following remarks, from the pen of Fanny Fern: "How often have I seen a face loitering at a church threshhold, listening to the swelling notes of the organ, and longing to go in, were it not for the wide social gulf between itself and those assembled—I will not say worshipping—there. And I know if the clergyman inside that church spoke as his Master spoke when on earth, that he would soon preach to empty walls. They want husks and they get them, I say in my vexation, as the doorswingson its hinges in some poor creature's face, and he wanders forth to struggle, unaided, as best he may with a poor man's temptations. Our Roman Catholic brethren are wiser. Their creed is not my creed, save this part of it: That the rich and poor meet together, and the Lord is the maker of them all. I often go there to see it. I am glad when a servant drops on her knees in the aisle, and makes the sign of the cross, that nobody bids her to rise, to make way for a silken robe that may be waiting behind. I am glad the mother of many little children may drop in for a brief moment before the altar, to recognize her spiritual wants, and then pass out to the cares she may no longer lose sight of. I do not believe as they do, but it gladdens my heart all the same that one man is as good as his neighbor, at least there—before God. I breathe freer at the thought. I can sit in a corner, and watch them pass in and out, and rejoice that every one, however humble soever, feels that he or she is to that church, just as much as the richest foreigner, from the cathedrals of the old world, whom they may jostle in going out."

A Swindled Teuton.

Among the many incidents connected with the Crosby Opera House draw, the following is one of the most amusing. It is thus related: About the hour of one o'clock, a well-known wag, with a parched throat and empty pocket, stood on Randolph street, cogitating how to make the raise of a glass of beer. Suddenly a brilliant idea took possession of his cranium. The Opera House was being drawn for, and opposite him was the saloon of "Bockmayer." Being on intimate terms with the said vender of beer, he by some means had become advised of the number of the certificate. With him to think was to act. Entering the saloon, he exclaimed, "Well the opera house has gone." "Who's drawn it?" inquired the jolly Teuton. "Don't know the man," was the answer, "but its No.——." "*Donner wetter*," sounded suddenly from Bockmayer's lips, "*das ist meine mumvo*," and a scene of the wildest excitement ensued. In the course of half an hour the news had spread to every saloon and resort in the city, and by dozens and scores his German friends hurried to congratulate him. "*Fries-haus, aufgetisht*," sounded from the lips of the lucky (?) individual, and in about three hours the concern was "cleaned out." Also, about this time a newsboy with the evening papers made his appearance, and Bockmayer, with a self satisfied smile, gave the boy a quarter for the expected gratification of seeing his name and number in print. He turned to the page and read "Drawing of the opera-house, 58,000, lucky number." "*Sacrament, dat ist falsh!*" he exclaimed, and, breaking out into a laugh, he explained to the crowd how the paper had been "fooled." But gradually, and in spite of his possessing a certain number, he became less sanguine, and when new comers confirmed the statement of the papers, he felt less happy, and at last, when the whole truth burst upon him, he was the most disconsolate Teuton in the universe. His lamentations were agonizing to hear: "I give away more as fifty parrels of goot beer, and gets noting for it! Oh, mein Gott! Oh, mein Gott! *Der teufel hont die ganze Geschichte!*" and the tears of disappointment poured copiously down his fat cheeks. The "wag" had better not show himself in that region for a week or two, as Bockmayer wears an enormous pair of cowhides.

What it Takes to Feed New York.

During the year 1866 there were received at the various city cattle markets 298,882 beeves; 4,885 milch cows; 62,113 veal calves; 1,030,621 sheep and lambs; 666,392 swine. A total of 2,062,894 animals of all kinds. Reducing to an average of consumption, and it will be found that 39,671 animals are sent to the butcher every week. Of the 263,882 beeves, Illinois furnished the largest number—50,690. Valuing this stock at 15¼ cents per pound, at a net average weight of 725 pounds each, and the total value of the beef consumed each year in the city reaches the enormous aggregate of $33,223,723. These figures are not guess work, but are the carefully compiled researches of the veteran Solon Robinson—a good authority in matters of this kind, whatever he may be in politics.

The Oceans on a Level.

It has long been the popular idea prevailing to a considerable extent, that the water in the Pacific Ocean is higher than that in the Atlantic. But modern science had demonstrated this to be erroneous. Colonel Totten, while engineer of the Panama Railroad, after a series of careful tidal observations taken at Panama and Aspinwall, connected with accurate levels along the line of railroad, found the mean height of the two oceans to be exactly the same. Owing to the difference in the rise of the tide at both places, there are, of course, times when one of the oceans is higher or lower than the other; but their mean level, or height at tide, is now found to be the same.

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jan 9 4tw 1

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—ESTATE OF John S. Dougherty, late of the City of Lancaster, deceased.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Daniel Dougherty and Mary E. Dougherty, administrators of said deceased, to and among those legally entitled to the same, will sit for that purpose on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1867, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Library Room of the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend. J. LANDIS, Auditor.
jan 3 1td&4tw

ESTATE OF HENRY DAMLER, LATE of Lancaster city, deceased.—Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned: All persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said city. CONSTANTINE BERNHART.
dec 26 6tw 51

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—ASSIGNED ESTATE of William Trostle and wife, of Brecknock twp., Lancaster county.—William Trostle and wife, of Brecknock twp., having by deed of voluntary assignment, assigned and transferred all the estate and effects of the said William Trostle to the undersigned, for the benefit of the creditors of the said Assignor, they therefore give notice to persons indebted to said assignor, to make payment to the undersigned without delay, and those having claims to present them for settlement.
CYRUS REAM,
JACOB GETZ,
Assignees.
Residing in East Cocalico township.
dec 26 6tw 61

ESTATE OF GEORGE HILTON, LATE of Bainbridge twp., deceased.—Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Penningtonville, Chester county, Pa.
HUGH RAMBO,
jan 2 6tw*52 Administrator.

ESTATE OF JACOB Y. HORST, LATE of Conoy township, deceased.—Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township.
JACOB A. MILLER,
jan 1 6tw*52 Administrator.

ESTATE OF JOHN JOHNS, LATE OF Manheim township, deceased. The undersigned Auditor, appointed to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Henry H. Kurtz, Esq., Administrator of the estate of said dec.eased to and among those legally entitled to the same, will attend for that purpose on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 1867, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Library Room of the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend. D. GROSHOLZ, Auditor.
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George W. Shaeffer, } Of August Term, 1866.
vs. } No. 18.
Annie Shaeffer. } Subpœna in Divorce.

NOTICE.—THE DEFENDANT WILL take notice that depositions will be taken on the part of the plaintiff, before B. C. Kready, Esq., Commissioner, in the Library Room, in the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1867, between the hours of 1 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M., of said day.
Attorney for Plaintiff.
jan 9 4tw1

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH LOWREY, late of Salisbury township, deceased. Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township.
CONNER LOWREY, Administrator,
jan 16 6tw* 2 Gap Post Office.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS for the County of Lancaster.

JOHN SLAUGHTER vs. BARB'A SLAUGHTER. } Libel in sub. for Divorce to Nov. Term, 1866, No. 109.

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