

OUR FATHERLAND.

From the shores where liberty's portal shines fair to earth's ultimate again...

AT A NEGRO FUNERAL.

Ceremonies of Old Slavery Days Still Prevailing in the South. Not long since I was visiting one of the friends in upper South Carolina...

It was a strange picture that met our sight, and one that belonged more to heathen lands than our own civilized country. There, around a newly made grave, about twenty-five negroes were collected...

It certainly was a strange sight. Here were numberless graves, all bearing the same picturesque decorations. Children's graves were covered with broken toys, tin horns, gaudily colored clay cats, dogs, and owls...

The Short Hair Craze. The short hair craze died some time ago, but the disease has broken out again, and the braids, dreads, and curls are again the rage...

A Generous Collector. Thomas Collier, the New London poet, has a passion for collecting. His book of autographs of poets and literary people from all parts of the world is very complete...

Steel Engraving of Washington. A bad boy in a Massachusetts village surprised and pleased his teacher by promising to contribute a fine steel engraving of Washington to aid in decorating the school room...

One of the Four. The late Professor Edward R. Brill was a sophomore at Yale when John Brown was killed, and was one of the four students who on that occasion broke into the chapel and draped it with mourning emblems...

EN ROUTE TO TRIESTE.

Curious Scenery in Austria—Semi-Tropical Vegetation of the Adriatic. St. Peter is scarcely more than twenty-five miles from the shore of the Adriatic at Trieste...

The road descends at first almost imperceptibly. Towns with Italian names become more frequent. The aspect of nature gradually brightens. There are vineyards of good size, orchards that begin to show the semi-tropical vegetation of the Adriatic...

St. Louis "Mining Promoters." There is one class of men in this city who should be gotten rid of, if possible, and that is the class of mining promoters...

Civil Courts on the Continent. I was very much interested in the mode of procedure in civil trials in courts on the continent on the occasion of my visit to Europe. In England a trial is conducted very much like it is in America...

The Natives Astonished. Near to our operations were large old farming districts with a numerous population. By the time our plows and harrows were successfully running the fame of the foreign farm had spread to these people...

Dangerous Curiosity. How the machine did it was the mystery, as the sickle and bar when work was being done was hidden in the grass. Their curiosity would lead them directly in front of the machine...

Plates Snowed Under. A Nevada newspaper says that a citizen recently saw two Flathead bucks dig a hole in a snow bank, get into it, and wrap themselves in a single blanket, preparatory to a night's rest...

Looking Out for Him. Countryman (in an uptown hotel)—What time is supper ready, mister? Clerk—Six o'clock, sir. Countryman (with an air of vexation)—Well, I've got some business to tend to afore I eat, an' I'm 'raid I won't get back till 'bout seven...

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PROGRESS IN JAPAN.

HOW THE PEOPLE BEGAN FARMING ON THE AMERICAN PLAN.

Manufacturing Agricultural Implements Under Difficulties—Trial of the First Plow—The Natives Greatly Astonished. Watching a Mowing Machine at Work.

In a few days I received the somewhat startling notice that the government had determined to adopt my advice, and that in a few days a force of native mechanics would be ready to work under my directions manufacturing the implements. As I was no mechanic, and as I had always thought I had no mechanical ingenuity...

TRIAL OF THE FIRST PLOW.

This experiment had excited a great deal of attention from the Japanese officials, and I had received notice that in a few days two or three cabinet officials would be present to see the plow work. At the appointed time they came, with a good deal of ceremony, and the plow was very grandly tried...

HEMPEN HARNESS.

In the hurry of this work some oversights were bound to be made. One was in making harness. When all ready for that, we found that there was very little harness leather in Japan, and there was no time to import it...

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THE SLAVE TRADE.

AN OLD ENGINEER TELLS WHAT HE KNEW OF THE BUSINESS.

In the Days When Negroes Were Brought From Africa and Sold in New Orleans—White Girls Sold to African Chiefs.

"Yes," said William Jack Haynes, the centurion, the other day, "I was in the slave trade for three years—that is, I was engineer on the steamship Grampus, which ran from New Orleans to Africa for three years, buying negroes in Africa and selling them in New Orleans."

MORE OR LESS STRATEGY. "These girls were then forced to stay." "There was always more or less strategy used, and they generally consented to remain until the ship returned. Through the overtures of the chief and the assurance that everything the country afforded would be at their command, and partly through the threats of the captain and his promises to return, they generally remained, seemingly content to wait for our return, but always waited in vain."

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THEY WERE TAKEN TO WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE NEGRO PEN, WHICH WAS AN INCLOSURE WHERE A LARGE SHED WAS BUILT. IN THIS INCLOSURE WERE COGS OF STRAW, AND THEY SLEPT THERE UNTIL THEY WERE DRIVEN OFF BY THEIR NEW MASTERS TO THE COTTON AND SUGAR PLANTATIONS...

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