Miscellaneous.

RUINS OF AN ANCIENT CALIFORNIA CITY.—Antiquaries will feel most deeply interested in the discovery of vast regions of ancient ruins near San Diego, and within a few days' march of the Pacific Ocean, at the head of the Gulf of California. Portions of temples, dwellings, lofty stone pyramids (seven of those within a mile square,) and massive granite rings or circular walls, round venerable trees, columns and blocks of hieroglyphics, all speak of some ancient race of men, now forever gone, their history actually unknown to any of the existing families of mankind. In some points these ruins resemble the recently discovered cities of Palenque, &c. near the Atlantic or Mexican Gulf coast; in others, again, the monuments of Phenicia, and even in many features they differ from all that I have referred to. I observe that the discoverers deem them to be anterelavian, while the present Indians have a tradition of a great civilized nation, which their ferocious forefathers utterly destroyed. The region of the ruins is called by the Indians, the "Valley of Mystery."

DISCOVERY OF A GREAT LAKE.—A great Lake has been discovered in the interior of South Africa during a journey of exploration by two gentlemen, Murry and Oswall. It is situated in longitude 19 deg. south, and its limits appear to have been undiscernible. According to the natives, however, it takes a two months days to travel round it. The vegetation on its banks are tropical, and plants are also fat, but it contains no crocodiles, alligators or hippopotami. It is approached by a river, which for some distance is of small size, and which as it approaches the lake, becomes as large as the Clyde. The lake itself has several islands in it, and it is said these are densely popdat I by a race entirely different from those near the borders of the lake. Pelicans are numerous, and also fish, some of which resemble perch and carp, and weigh between 20 and 50 lbs. There are likewise a great number of elephants, although of a much smaller description than those nearer the colony. The natives, whose language was unlike any known dialect spoken by the other tribes in South Africa, appear to be of inferior nature, and to be much afflicted by pulmonary diseases.

A SHORT STORY BY DICKENS.—Dickens tells the following story of an American sea captain:

On his last voyage home the captain had on board a young lady of remarkable personal attractions—a phrase I use as one being entirely new, and one you never meet with in the newspapers. This young lady was babored intensely by five young gentlemen, passengers, and in turn she was in love with them all very ardently, but without a very particular preference for either—Not knowing how to make up her determination in this dilemma, she consulted my friend the captain. The captain, being a man of an original turn of mind, says to the young lady, "jump overboard, and marry the man who jumps after you." The young lady, struck with the idea, and being naturally fond of bathing, especially in warm weather, as it then was, took the advice of the captain, had a boat ready manned in case of accident. Accordingly, next morning the five lovers being on deck and looking very devotedly at the young lady, she plunged into the sea head foremost.—Four of the lovers impulsively jumped in after her. When the young lady and her four lovers were got out again, she says to the captain "What am I to do with them now the y are so wet?" Says the captain, "take the dry one!" And the young lady did and married him

STEAMSHIP BUILDING IN NEW YORK.—There are no less than seventeen steamships in process of construction in N. York city. The vessels will be completed in the course of the year, at a cost of five millions of dollars. The best vessel will cost $650,000—the cheapest $100,000. The total tonnage will be 29,700 tons—the smallest 700 tons. Three of these vessels will run in the Liverpool trade, two in the Havre, three in the Savannah, two in the Gulf, two in the Panama, two in the Sacramento, one in the Charleston, one in the Oregon and one in Long Island Sound.

TOO GREAT A HURRY.—A poor woman, in one of the middle states, who lisped, carried her child to church for baptism. Being asked its name by the Bishop, she replied.

"Luthy, sir."

"What?" says the doctor.

"Luthy, sir."

"Lucifer! Lucifer! That won't do," says the Bishop, and baptised the child George Washington

The poor woman, confounded, could not speak until near the church door, when she told the parson the child was a *girl*.

SOUL.—Oh, marry the man you love girls, if you can get him at all; if he is as rich as Croesus, or as poor as Job in his fall. Pray do not marry for pelf, girls, 'twill bring your soul into thrall, but marry the man you love girls, if his purse be ever so small. Oh, never marry a fop, girls, whether he is little or tall; he'll make a fool of himself and you, he knows nothing well but to drall. But marry a sober man, girls, there are a few left on this brill; and you'll never rue the day, girls, that you ever married at all.

IMPORTANT QUESTION.—Somebody says that a young lady should always ask the four following questions, before accepting the hand of a young man:

Is he honorable?
Is he kind of heart?
Can he support me comfortably?
Does he take a newspaper and pay for it in advance?

The banks of Philadelphia city and county last week declared their semi-annual dividend. They average over ten per cent. per annum. The Bank of the Northern Liberties cleared ten dollars per hundred on every share of stock in the last six months.

"I WOULD advise you to put your head into a dye-tub—it's rather red," said a joker to a sandy-haired girl. "I would advise you to put yours into an oven—it's, rather soft," said Nancy.

☞ Among his other high sounding titles, the King of Ava has that of "Lord of twenty-four Umbrellas." This looks as if he had prepared himself for a long *reign*.

TURRELL'S COLUMN.

NEW GOODS.

ABEL TURRELL,

IS now still receiving his Winter supply of GOODS, (embracing nearly every thing wanting at this market,) which will be sold strictly LOW for CASH or *ready pay*. My assortment may be classed in part as follows:

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Groceries, Dry Goods, Hardware, Stone-ware, Glass-ware, Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Silver Spoons, Spectacles, Musical Instruments, Trusses, Medical Instruments, Liquors, Perfumery, Mirrors, Stationery, Bushes, Yankee Notions, &c. &c.

Thankful for the liberal patronage and substantial encouragement heretofore received, I hope to merit and receive a continuance of the same.

☞ A few of the articles kept for sale are named below.

GROCERIES.—A good variety of sugars, fine flavored teas, good and strong Molasses, Coffee, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Saleratus, Raisins, Rice, Mackerel, Codfish, Santee Currrans, Tapioca, Arrow Root, Mace, Mustard, Sago, Vermicelli, Cloves, ground Mustard, (also Mustard Seed) Extract of Lemon Cream soda Crackers, Starch, Indian and Rye Meal, Candles, all sorts of Tobacco and Snuff, Vinegar &c.

DRY GOODS.—Broadcloths, Cassimeres, Satinets, Cords, Velveteen, Moleskin, Sheep's Grey, Kentucky Jeans, Flannels, Cloth, Thread, Buttons etc., and every thing necessary to make up ne garments for Gentlemen, Gingham, Alpaca Lustre, Lawns, Prints, Barege, Tartans, Apron Check, Linen Cambric, Table and Towel Diaper, Colored Cambric Dimity, Jaconet, Swandown, Flannelets, Calicoes, Patchwork, Pocket HDK'fs, Comforters, Shirts, Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Cotton Yarn, Ribbons, Wadding, colored Cambric Tie a Fringe, Gimp, Edging, Purse Twist, and a great variety of Notions

HARDWARE.—Nails, Door and Window-blind Fastenings, Hasps, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Knobs, Escutcheons, Rasps, Files, Chisels, Coffee Mills, Curry Combs and Cards, Spoke Shaves, Tapered Fastenings, Sickle, Rifle Barrel, Cooking Stoves, Hollow Ware, Tinware, Pocket Knives, Razors, Shears, Scissors, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Spectacles, Pocket Books, Comforters, Pipes, Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Cotton Yarn, Ribbons, Wadding, colored Cambric Tie a Fringe, Gimp, Edging, Purse Twist, and a great variety of Notions

CUTLERY.—Pocket Knives, Table Knives and Forks, Bread and Butter Knives, Razors, Handsaws, Augers, Gimlets, Shannon's Axes, Shears and Scissors

PAINTS.—Pure White Lead ground in Oil and dry, Red Lead, Venetian, Spanish Brown, Lamp Black, Yellow Ochre, Paris Green, Chrome Green, Imperial Green Chrome Yellow, ground Vermilion, Prussian Blue, Varnishing Brushes, Rubber, Tools, Glass, Putty, Window Sash, Doors, Blinds, Frames, Panes, Sash Weights, Cord and Tassels, Mouldings, Base, Cornice, Architraves, Sills, Glazier's Diamonds, Sash Fasteners, Sash Locks, Shutter Bolts, Sash Pulleys, Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Solder, Tin Plate, Sheet Iron, Zinc, Copper, Brass, Iron Wire, Nails, Spikes, Brads, Tacks, Shoe Nails, Cork Screws, Tea Bells etc. &c. &c. &c