



Saturday Morning, April 12, 1845.

At the Real Estate and Coal Agency, No. 67, Pine Street, Philadelphia.

Another Card. We have heretofore stated, and it is well known throughout this region, that the subscriber, whose name only appears, is solely responsible for every article that appears in this paper.

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"We will Remember you, Henry Clay." The Clay Club of New York have given up an eloquent address to Henry Clay, in which they assure him of their undiminished confidence, &c. &c. It is written upon parchment and framed in massive silver, and is to be presented in this form to Mr. Clay.

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All sorts of Items.

Several valuable copper mines have recently been found in Franklin county, Mo.

The Pittsburg Gazette, says another steamer of between 400 and 600 tons, is to be built in that city.

Louis Napoleon is beguiling the hours of his imprisonment by writing a scientific work of great research and learning.

A young man, whose name is not given, was killed recently on Bayou Gros Teite, Louisiana, by the falling of a tree.

The island was found to be Drake's Island, 3 miles in circumference, and the temperature exceedingly hot. It was surrounded by a coral reef through which, however, there was a safe entrance.

Soon after landing the crew laid the keel of a schooner, and with the scanty implements in their possession, they succeeded in building a vessel of a good model, painted, sheathed and copper fastened throughout.

Strawberries were for sale in the Charleston market as early as the 23d of March.

As the Missouri River, according to the St. Louis papers, there were several boats aground on the 18th. No losses had been sustained.

Sir Robert Peel, who is now so horrified at slavery, voted, not very long ago, against the abolition of female flogging in the West Indies.

A marble bust of Egeria, by an American artist abroad, of the name of Baker, has arrived at Cincinnati.

Why is a fashionable lady like a rigid economist? Because she makes a great bustle about a little waist (waiste).

The Pittsburg Pa. papers, have elevated Daniel Leech, Esq. to the title of Commodore.—As the pioneer in Canal navigation in this State, he deserves the honor.

Lord Brougham is preparing a life of Voltaire. He is writing it in English and French; and the work is to be brought out in the two languages, simultaneously in London and Paris.

The last words uttered by Senator Bates on the return of the Texas Resolutions to the Senate, were, 'Woe! woe! woe! to the country!'

The Steamboat Decatur was burnt on her passage from New Orleans to the Tennessee River. The boat was insured for \$11,000; not sufficient to cover the loss.

A Mr. John McKeven, of New Jersey had his pocket picked at the Patterson railroad depot on Monday, of \$8,893.

There were 508 arrivals and 368 clearances from the port of Boston during the past month.

There were erected in the city of New York, during the last year, 1210 new houses.

Upwards of 40,000 barrels of flour were sold in Lowell last year, for consumption there and in the neighboring towns.

The dogs of Constantinople are estimated at from 50,000 to 60,000. Almost as numerous as the locusts of the country.

A direct trade between Mobile and Canton has sprung up. The ship Farewell is at Mobile with cotton for the China market.

Up to the 4th inst., the harbor at Buffalo was blocked up with ice. The Madison was the first steamer to get into port.

An oyster shell is exhibiting in Boston, which is recently from one of the South Pacific Islands. It weighs 604 lbs., is 28 1/2 inches long, and is 20 1/2 inches wide.

We regret to state it in the Richmond Enquirer, that the peach crop of Virginia has been destroyed by the early blossoms and subsequent frosts.

There were inspected in the city of Richmond, during the quarter ending on the 31st ult., 25,245 barrels of superfine Flour.

On Saturday morning last, the Legislature of N. Jersey adjourned sine die—having been in session 11 weeks and 4 days.

The ice went out of the Kennebec on the 2d instant.

Mississippi U. S. Senator—Gov. Broom has appointed Hon. Jacob Thompson, U. S. Senator, in place of Mr. Walker, resigned.

There were exported from Boston, during the week ending on the 29th of March, 2,925 bales of Domestic Goods. Of these 1,683 bales were shipped to Canton and Manila.

Instinct of Cats—It is said that an English cat, when she loses her kittens, spends her period of mourning around the mutton pie shops!

The total shipments of specie from N. York for Europe during the month of March, amounted to \$242,100.

Natal.—The U. States Steamship Princeton, and sloops of war St. Mary and Saratoga, and brig Porpoise, are under orders for the West Indies.

The amount of Treasury Notes outstanding on the 1st instant, was, it is officially stated, \$1,073,321 22.

The very latest case of modesty is that of a young lady who wore green spectacles, because she objected to looking at the gentlemen with her naked eye.

The Boston Traveller has become a daily even ing paper.

A valuable species of marble has been discovered in Roxbury, Vermont, on the line of the Central Railroad.

A corpse recently disinterred at the church of St. Bernier, Quebec, has been found to be petrified.

A wag, who recently caught a young alligator at Point Coupée, La., proposes to train it up a ferryman, to tow boats across small rivers.

Growth of Buffalo.—We learn from the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser that the number of buildings erected in that city within the last year is upward of 400, the estimated cost of which is about \$450,000.

The New York Courier and Inquirer, says: The Loco Foco press of this city are all at cross purposes, and are exhibiting one of the most confusedly complicated snags that ever puzzled a politician to untwine.

A Good Idea.—The Miltonian says that a friend has suggested the propriety of getting up an Anti-Talking-about-your-neighbor's society in Milton! The formation of such a society would doubtless prove highly beneficial!

Prof's Pictorial History of the World.—No. 2 is received, and like the first number exhibits abundant proof of the accuracy and laborious diligence of its able editor.

It is gratifying to see a work like this in circulation in this country. It contains no information new to the scholar or general reader, but it is a judicious combination and arrangement of interesting material, illustrated and embellished with really elegant engravings; and if the two Nos. already issued are samples of what the whole is to be, we are justified in saying that it will have few superiors.

Harper's Illustrated Shakespeare.—Nos. 45 and 46 of Harper's elegant Illustrated edition of Shakespeare, have just been issued and are received at this office. This edition surpasses in beauty and general finish, every other which has ever been published in this country.

A History of the Siege of Londonderry, and Defence of Enniskillen in 1689 and 1690, is the title of an interesting work by the Rev. John Graham.

Memoirs of the Literary Ladies of England, is the title of a volume, by Mrs. Elwood, recently published.

The Protege of the Grand Duke, is the title of a tale of Italy, by Frank Forester.

The German's Tale, by Kruitzer, is the title of an excellent little tale, by Miss Harriet Lee.

The Maiden, a Moral Story, by T. S. Arthur. These works have all been received and are for sale at this office.

No. 23 of Harper's Bible, is received.

Life in Italy, is the title of an interesting little volume, translated from the Danish of Hans Christian, by Mary Howitt.

The last of the Sazons, is the title of a tale of the times of William the Conqueror, recently published by E. Ferret, Philadelphia, and received at this office.

No. 1. of the Devotional Family Bible, by the Rev. Alexander Fletcher, A. M., containing the Old and New Testament, with Explanatory notes, &c., is received at this office. Its edition of the Bible is to be issued in numbers, at 25 cents each; every part to be embellished with highly finished steel engravings.

A Mr. J. Scott Russell, an Engineer of distinction in England, has recently patented a simple invention for increasing the density of brine in the boilers of steam engines.

The mechanical apparatus employed for this purpose is two glass water gauges, with small copper pipes, so that one of them may be placed in communication only with the salt brine in the lower part of the boiler. The one then holds a column of brine, and the other a column of pure sea-water; and each inch of difference, according to a scale laid down on the principle or well known law, that the heights of equidistant fluids vary inversely as the densities of those fluids, shows the degree of saturation.

The Queen of England's bracelet.—We find in the Dublin Sentinel, of this city, the following graphic description of a valuable bracelet which Victoria wears on the occasion of public appearances. It is the most costly jewelry she wears, and is made of the purest gold and encircled by four of the largest diamonds, which are set in a row, and are her beauty and delicacy. But her greatest interest is given to articles of the kind in whose possession they were in other times.

The target of these diamonds belonged to the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, who will ever be remembered by the British people for her womanly virtues and amiable qualities. The second and third of these diamonds belonged to the unfortunate Queen Marie Antoinette of France. The fourth and most splendid of the whole, shown at one time from the waist and majestic forehead of a beloved princely child that shared similar fortunes with the former—it was the property of Mary Stuart, Queen of the Scots; and lastly, a King whose power ended with the fall of his royal brother, Joseph Napoleon. One may well question whether or not a woman's arm was encircled by a ring so precious, and so grave and successful a talismanum.

From the first, light is shed upon the solemn truth that in the midst of life we are in death; and that youth, beauty and fair prospects are no barriers against the sudden approach of that enemy which kills, and whose power is supreme. The next two target, the young monarch a lesson of popular fidelity toward their sometime idol, and hold up to view as in a mirror, the dreadful scaffold, the termination of a career, as brilliant as youth, and as prominent as day; far has been. But all the glories of the peerless stonied. Worth in our estimation, all the rest.

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The beggar, poor fellow, being pleasantly mellow, Attempted to stand on his head; Nor to move thus is easy, 'tis said, So by bending him round, hands and feet to the ground, Called tuppence, turning the crab, The poor supple lim'd scamp, took a fit of the cramp. And was held, doubled up by its grab.

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"Old wine to drink, old wood to burn and old books to read" was the assertion of a man of letters in those days, who fancied the monarch would have included them in the catalogue of choice rarities. We, at all events, know few things so pleasant as the perusal of some antiquated specimen of a newspaper published at a period when journalism was comparatively in its infancy; when mammoth dailies and hebdomadals were unknown; when steamboats and locomotives had not stirred time and annihilated space; when politics was a science, not a mere logomachy of jarring concepts; when editors wrote with simplicity and ease, and expressed their thoughts without circumspection and duplicity. It is worth half an hour's labor to glance over the dingy and faded sheets and scant proportion of some of the six by nine newspapers which here and there, in large and populous places alone, flourished some fifty-five years ago.

Such a specimen we have before us in the shape of the Columbian Centinel of the 29th August, 1798, published in Boston in the good Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We perceive by the head of the paper, that it was some fifteen years old, and must have consequently been started just about the close of the war of the revolution. The Centinel was printed and published semi-weekly by BENJAMIN RUSSELL. Its dimensions were rather larger than the Pycnogene and about as wide. The paper is exceedingly thick and yellow, the typography of the coarsest character.

The first thing that struck us in unfolding the sheet was a starting caption "By the mails," and looking a little further we discovered that the southern mail as far as Georgia had actually arrived at Boston in twenty-six days—or just about the time it takes us in New Orleans. The matter is intelligible from Europe, by the no steam steam packets. There is moreover in a number of the 29th August, same year, an arrival from Europe chronicled as having taken place in the moderately short time of thirty days.

The articles in the Centinel are very curious. At the period referred to the affairs of France excited general interest all over the world, and most of the reading matter of the Centinel is composed of comments on French and English news, and layard, &c. The leading article is entitled "French Duplicity," and is certainly very curious upon the Government. "There is a strange project," says Mr. Benjamin Russell, "that justice may yet be done in the case of the French Revolution. The 'Sarracens' of May 18th, tell us that a ship has been executed at Bordeaux, in virtue of the new law for the punishment of robbery."

Among the interesting items of intelligence in this sheet, is a notice of the mortality in Philadelphia by the Yellow Fever. On the 21st of August there were forty deaths, and on the 22d, fifty one new cases. The belief was at that time prevalent that the disease was contagious, and all communication with Philadelphia had been interdicted by the authorities of other towns. At the same time a malignant fever prevailed at Boston which proved exceedingly fatal and caused nearly a total suspension of business.

The simplicity of the style of advertising is not the least curious feature in the Centinel. For instance, a retail dry goods merchant advertises "very nice white kid gloves. Nowadays we should have a notice extending over ten fold the space, and adorned with various translatable French epithets, given to articles of the kind at auction. Altogether, the Columbian Centinel is a very interesting journal, and Mr. Benjamin Russell, publisher and printer, a writer of considerable force and spirit.

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