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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1858. . Autógraphs-No. III. There lies upon our table, as we write, a hoograph letter, written by Dr. SAMUEL JOHNson, "the Leviathan of English Literature," as he has been called, on October 6, 1784exactly nine weeks before his death. It bears the date of Lichfield, and the post office stamp 119 LITCHPIELD," to denote the distance, in ailes, from London. There is a charge of five pence (10 cents) for postage, and the adiress is "To Mr. RYLAND, Merchant in Lonion." The seal has an impression of "S. J." As to the authenticity of this autograph iere cannot be any doubt. Mr. RYLAND, a orn-merchant residing in Savage-Gardens, Tower Hill, London, was an old and inti-mate friend of Jounson's. He was a member of Johnson's own Ivy-Lane Club. In 1758, when Jounson's wife died, Mr. RYLAND was one of the most constant visitors; and consolers in his sorrow. In 1783, when Johnson wanted the Ivy-Lane Olub to reassemble and dine with him, it was a conversation with Mr. RYLAND which suggested the reunion, and it was Mr. RYLAND who went to look after the old club-house and the old landlord. When, after this reunion, Jonnson established a new

clergyman, to submit the inscription to his approval. The last time that Jourson was out of his own house was on the 27th November, 1784. The occasion was to make his will, and he dined at Mr. STRAHAN's, in company with Mr. RYLAND, who saw him home. The very next evening RYLAND is recorded as having sat with him; indeed, all the accounts of Jourson's last illness show that RYLAND visited him, day after day, and that he attended his funeral. Mr. RYLAND died July 24, 1798, aged 81, having survived his illustrious friend nearly fourteen years.

The following letter was given to us by Ar-

of London. He is grandson of Jourson's friend : DEAR SIE: I am glad that so many could yet meet at the worse, not a vitiation of particular humours, but a debilitation of the whole frame, an effect not of casuality but of time. I wish his reco-

Gray's Inn, and one of the four City Pleaders

very, and hope that he wishes and prays for I have, for some days, to speak in the lightest and softest language, made no advance towards health. My breath is much obstructed, and my limbs are wells of water. However, I have little reason to complain.

My mind, however, is colmer than in the beginning of the year, and I comfort myself with topes of every kind, neither despairing of ease in this world, nor of happiness in another. I shall, I think, not return to town worse than I left, and unless I gain ground again, not much better. But, God, I humbly hope, will have mercy on me. Dear Sir.

Your most humble servant,

BAN : JOHNSON. The Club here alluded to was successor to a social club, founded by Dr. Jonason in 1749, in the eleventh year of his residence in London. At this time he had emerged from the utter poverty which at one time had afflicted him. The Gentleman's Magazine, to which he first was now virtually under the management, as far as the literary department was concerned; for as the literary department was concerned; for CAYE, the publisher, may be said literally to have nursed this periodical to the last, mourning over the falling off of a single subcriber, and evidently believing that the Maguzine was at once a power and a blessing in the land. Johnson had issued the Prospectus of his great Dictionary of the English Language, the greatest literary work ever executed by one til 1755, and drew from Garrick, his quondam pupil and life-long friend, the following epigram—the point of which lies in the fact that Jourson alone had done for the English language what the French Academy had em-

ployed forty of their members to execute, when their celebrated French Dictionary was to be published: ON JOHNSON'S DIGTIONABY.
Talk of war with a Briton, he'll boldly advance,
That one English soldler will beat ten of France; Would we after the toast from the sword to the pen, Our odds are still greater, still greater our men: In the deep mines of Science though Frenchmen may

Can their strength be compared to Locke, No heir verse-men and prose-men, then match them with

a bookseller in Pater-noster Row, but eventually obtained an office in the Bank of England, and survived Johnson. His son successfully continued his original business, and, until lately, his grandson was head of the London bookselling house of Panne & Foss.

Johnson's Lvy Lane Club held its sittings, chiefly for literary conversation, for a few years, and then fell into a state of suspended animation. Over thirty years after this collapse, viz: in November, 1783, only thirteen months before Johnson's death, he wrote from Bolt Court to Sir John Hawkins, one of the old members, saying, "As Mr. Ryland was talking with me of old friends and past times, we warmed ourselves into a wish, that all who remained of the Club should meet and dine at the house which once was Horseman's in tyy Lane," and concluded by asking him to fix a day when they could meet at dinner. In the following week, Johnson' reported that in perambulating Ivy-lane, Mr. Ryland found neither their old landlord Horseman, nor his successor,—that the old house was shut up, and he did not like the appearance of any near it.

A Cure Irishman. The had taken 400 prisoners, who had been massacred after being disarmed.

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ple. He drew up the rules, attended thrice week, and proposed Roswert as a member. on the capital ground that he was a very clubable man." Some of the first political and literary characters in London were members of this sixpenny Club. Jounson's definition of a Club, in his Dictionary, is "An assembly of good fellows, meeting under cer-

tain conditions." As lately as April, 1784, only eight months about the old Ivy-Lane Club :- "Yesterday, I had the pleasure of giving another dinner to the remainder of the old Club. We used to meet weekly about the year 1750, and we were as cheerful as in former times: only I could not make quite so much noise; for sinc the paralytic affection, my voice is sometimes weak." A few days later, returning to the subject, he mentions that out of the Ivy-Lane Club only two had died. Two, out of fourteen, in thirty-three years, was a small mor My limbs," said Jonnson, in this letter.

are wells of water." He had been out of London for several months, immediately after severe attack of dropsy, from which he almost miraculously recovered. He writes from Lichfield, under date Oct, 20, (Boswell prints he letter,) saying " My diseases are an asthma the letter,) saying " my quecases are an assuma and a dropsy, and what is less curable, seventy-

He returned to London, about a month after writing the letter which we publish toafter this reunion, Johnson established a new Club, in Essex street; Mr. RYLAND was a tion and piety were undiminished. At the member. In July, 1784, when Johnson details, when letter when the member of the grave of his wife, it was Mr. RYLAND was tell upon the clergyman, to submit the inscription to his clergyman. int inebriating sustenance." The night before his death, his lower limbs being "wells of water," Jounson scarified himself with a lancet and pair of scissors, to relieve the painand at least eight ounces of blood issued from one of these wounds. At half-past 7 in the evening, (December 18, 1784,) uttering the

Johnson's caligraphy was remarkable. He wrote with singular clearness, dotting, crossing, and stopping, in a very laudable manner, but sometimes beginning a sentence with a CHER RYLAND, Esq., one of the Benchers of small letter. His writing leant considerably from left to right—what we might call slanted the wrong way. There is no erasure throughout. The writing is remarkable for a man afflicted with mortal disease, and bending beneath the burthen of seventy-five years. The tone of resignation which pervades this let-Club, where I do not yet despair of some cheer tone of resignation which pervades this lettal hours. Your account of poor, dear Payne ter—which has never been published by Cook—makes me uneasy: if his distemper were only zer, or any other editor—is in keeping with Dr. the true Sea Scurvey, it is one cured easily, and Jonason's character. It is singular that with all I believe infallably curable, but I am afraid it his fondness for sesquipedelians, "debilitation" is the only word exceeding three syllables in this letter.

The Coal Trade.

[For The Press.] Congratulating you on the great victory of popu larsaveroignty in the recent elections, which will he of countless value to this Union, I beg to call
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take the liberty, with your permission, of again addressing you on the subject, and giving some of my views.

Very truly yours,

E. W. G. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11, 1858.

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bearing aloft a banner with the portrait of Washington, with urchins on either side, dressed in
white, I fancied myself a here of no small dimensions and heart time to the music of Washlines and there time to the music of Washson's hand with all the grace and dignity of a young gentleman strong in the knees. What a change has come over me since that gala day! Twenty-six years added to my age! my fondness for ribbons, banners, sashes, and martial usic, all gone! the scanty hair remaining on my

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Inventions and Discoveries. [Prepared for The Press.] STEEL PENS .- It is said that unwards of a thor

sand millions of steel and gold pens are manufactured in Birmingham. One establishment ther throughout the world, and puts each dealer's name on the pens he orders. The sheets of steel are re-duced to the requisite tenuity by successive transits through the rolling mill operations, tended by men and boys: When reduced to the thinness of before his death, he wrote to Mrs. Thatle a steel pen length about two feet, breadth two about the old Ivy-Lane Club:—"Yesterday, I and a half to three inches, the sheets are ready for punching out the blanks. The process is performed with great rapidity, one girl of average industry and dexterity being able to punch out about one hundred gross a day. The next opera-tion is to place the blank in a concave die, on which a slight touch from a convex punch produces the requisite shape—that of the semi tube. The slite and apertures to in-orease the elasticity, and the maker's or yonder's name or mark, are produced by a similar tool. Previously, however, the pen undergoes a variety of other processes. When completes all but the slit, it is soft and pliable, and may be bent or twisted in the hand like a piece of thin lead. Being collected in the grosses or great grosses, the pens are thrown into little from quare boxes, and placed in a furnace, where they remain till box and pens are of a white heat. They are then taken out and thrown, hissing hot, into pails

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epidemic. Speed of Railroad Trains .- An intelligent American traveller, who has personally investi-gated the railroad economy of England and the United States, asserts that the speed of the British passenger trains exceeds that of the American, the average there being twenty eight miles an hour. The weight of these trains is much less than that of the American, and the difference in speed is likewise secounted for by the lighter grades of the foreign lines. Besides this, the tracks are more carefully laid than is usual here; the cuttings are wider, the drainage very thorough, the ballasting pay of third assistant .- Washington twenty-six feet wide and two deep, the cross ties. nine feet long, and saturated either with coal tar, uniformly weigh seventy-two pounds per yard, evening, (December 18, 1784,) uttering the uniformly weigh sevening to be uniformly weight sevening to be u to this country. The good iron is kept for home use, while the refuse article is sent to us. ARTIFICIAL STONE .- Many of these preparations have been found to answer an excellent purpose especially for interior decoration. But that in

vented by Ransome is believed to be as perfect success in its way as any preparation of the kind which has yet been brought to public notice. The general proportions of the materials used in making this article are said to be about as follows: Ten pints of sand, one pint of powdered flint, one pint of clay, and one pint of the alkaline solution of flint. These ingredients are first well mixed in a pug-mill, and knesded until they are thoroughly incorporated, and the whole mass be-oomes of a perfectly uniform consistency. When worked up with clean raw materials, the compound possesses a putty-like consistence, which moulded into any required form, and i capable of receiving very sharp and delicate im-pression. The peculiarity which distinguishes this from other artificial stones consists in the emloyment of silica, both as the base and the bining material. To produce different kinds of the stone, adapted to the various purposes for which natural stones are usually applied, both the proportions and the character of the ingredients

the coarser description of grits grinding stones of all kinds can be formed, and that with a uni formity of texture not met with in the best natura An article, purporting to be artificial marble has also been brought forward by Mr. J. Claudot,

are varied as circumstances require. By using

sel. Fresh water is then pured upon the lime is active the significant streed up and drawn off, until the lime is exhausted. Upon the desired surface, a stone wall, for instance; a first coat of this milk lime is laid, with a round brush, and is then regularly spread by means of what is called a code of the milk lime is laid, with a round brush, and is then regularly spread by means of what is called a code of the milk lime is laid, with a round brush, and is then regularly spread by means of the brush, and is then regularly spread by means of the brush, until the pelish and brillian by of marble are obtained. The surface, than composite of the brush, until the pelish and brillian by of marble are obtained. The surface, than composite it well worth attention, as it is said to insure most brilliant results.

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GENERAL NEWS.

WOODEN CANNON BALLS.—A Russian correspondent of the Rochester Union related the following aneedete of the Russian Casr, which shows that not even Emptors are exempt from the operations of sharpers: The Emperor Alexander gave a large order for the manufacture of cannon balls to some concern at Helsingfors, a port on the Gulf. They completed the order, stacked up and delivered the balls, received their pay, and put the money in their pockets. The Emperor being there one day, took it into his head to inspect the balls. Taking one up, he discovered it to be exceedingly light for iron, and taking out his knife, soraped it, and behold it was a wooden ball painted black, as was the entire lot. He caused the arrest of the swindlers, and they were transported for life to Siberia."

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RIGH SCENE.—An old negro attempted,
Wednesday last, to illustrate Rarey's art of horse
taming near Jarratt's hotel, Petersburg, Va.,
having for his subject an old wheel horse, whose
great fault was to make for his stable whenever,
he was left alone upon the street. Cuffy, after
going through divers incantations, whispered in
old Rosinante's ear, and all-ped off the bridle to
show that he had accomplished a cure, but,
strange to say, no sooner did he fand himself at,
liberty than off he started for fodder and oats as,
formerly, giving the darkey the benefit of a smart
ohase for half a mile before he could succeed in
heading him off. GREAT MORTALITY AMONG "THE FAITHFUL." —The caravan of pilgrims which left Damasous for Mocca last summer, accompanied by the Sultana, and her suite, returned to Damasous en the 25th Soptember, its ranks decimated by the cholers.

the exception of a young Georgian slave and an old enuch, are among the victims. The maliguant character of the spidemic is ascribed to the prevalence of the Sirocco. Engineers.—There being a lack of engineers

HANGING DEAD BY THE HEELS .- At an early U. S. ARMY .- The present military force of

the United States consists of injecteen regiments of the line, composed of the following corps: Five regiments of cavalry, four regiments of artillery, ten of infantry, making a grand aggregate of thirton thousand rank and file of all arms. This little army covers an area of over two millions of square miles, being two-thirds the area of all Eu-DISGRACEFUL QUARREL.—The New Orlean

Delta speaks of a dead man who had been lying in the street "several days," because the coroner and street commissionor quarriels are disgraceful, but this should consign all concerned to an infamous notoriety. Hobrible Disaster.—We find the following in the Brownsville (Ark.) Echo of the 27th

THE COURTS. SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Sprace and Pine Street Railway

DECISION IN PAVOR OF THE OMNIBUS PROPRIE TORS-JUDGE LUDLOW'S OPINION.

COMMON PLEAS-Judge Ludlow .- On Saturday morning the following opinion was delivered by has also been brought forward by Mr. J. Claudot, a French artist. He takes elaked lime, which is put into a vessel filled with water, and stirred put into a vessel filled with water, and stirred strongly. When the lime is reduced to a milk of lime, it is drawn off the surface into a second vessel. Fresh water is then pured upon the lime, the lime is reduced to a conductable with the lime is reduced to a milk of second vessel. Fresh water is then pured upon the lime, which is again stirred up and drawn off, until the lime of classes, in the opinion delivered in the material than the lime of the second with stage of the principles by which we shall be guided in the determination of the second water is then principles and the second with second cases, in the opinion delivered in the material than the second with appropriate caremonies. The stone was taken to the second and the second with appropriate caremonies. Judge Ludlow:
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opulation, or any information that will be interesting

THE CITY. AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.
WHARTIS. C. OLAERS'S ARGUSTERS THEATRE.—
'Pauvetta'—'(Undel John ?).
ACADMEN OF MOSIC—The Stratosch Opera Troupe.
NATIONAL CIRCUS—'Lent's Circus Company."
(CONCERT HALL—'Old Folks' Concert Troupe."
MES., D. P. BOWERS'. WALDUR-STREET THEATRE—'Pive Nights on the Delware?"—"What will they Say at Home?" ASSENBLY BUILDINGS. Signor Blits.

SAMPORD'S, OPERA HOUSE. Ethiopian Entertainments. FIENDISH ATTEMPT.—A most flendish

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We shall be greatly obliged to gentlemen in Pennsylania and other States for contributions giving the ourtent news of the day in their particular localities, the esources of the surrounding country, the increase of

Correspondents for " THE PRESS

FIBNISH ATTEMPT—A MOST HENDISH celembt was made on Friday's to turn as school house principal of the public school in Buttonwood street, low Eleventh, noticed that there was a smell of, and the building. Upon searching for the cause of moke, he discovered that a lot off tenches and on the building.

PHILADELPHIA GRAYS, ARMORY.—It has been amounced that the artillery corps of Philadelphia Grays will take formal possession of their new armory, in Market street, above Righth, on Monday. 20th inst. The drill room is 83 by 60 feet, which will give abundant space for the new drill (Bardee's), which, we understand, will be adopted by the entire Grays battalion. It has been suggested that the "Grays" open their armory for the inspection of the public, so that our citizens may see for themselves what may, be accomplished by an energetic company without adventitions aid.

THE NAVY INAUGURATED.—Quite an animated scene was enacted on the Schuyikill, above the dam, Saturday afterooton, on the occasion of the organisation or inauguration of the Echuyikill Navy. About a dorar boat were well manued by members of the organisation or inauguration of the Echuyikill Navy. About a dorar boat were well manued by members of the different barge clubs, who we'd created in uniform. The commander was absent from the city, and the duties were performed by a deputy. The whole affair was fairly who seemed to be gratified with the display. The seems of the afternoon ended in a routh race, that caused valous manifestations on the part of. the spectators and friends of the Navy.

ATEMPTER, OUTRAGE.—On Saturday, morning, a scoundred thimed Charles McGee, alleged to belong to the infamons gang of Schuyikill Rangers, was taken before Alderman Freeman, on the charge of attempting to commit a rape upon a little girl, on the latter of the strength of the s THE NAVY INAUGURATED .- Quite an ani

ordered to enter hall in the sum of \$1000.

NEW HOFEL ENTERPRIEE.—On Saturday stremoon there was a 'raising' of a new hotel, to be called 'he "Sawford House." at the starting point of the Utitizens' Passenger Bailwy, at Tanth street and Columbia streme. The building is the property of the well known and enterprising Samuel S. Sanford, the popular Ethiopian Opera House manager. We learn that Captain Hambright has leaved the Sanford House. The establishment will be a great convenience to persons who have necession to visit that portion of the city, and it can hardly fail to do a good business.

Conner Stone Ladd.—The Corner stone

A DOUBLE CASUALIT.—As a wagon was being unloaded in the rear of the feed store of J. F. & S Jones, on Germantown avenue, opposite Chelton avenue, in the Twenty-second ward, the borse backed and the wagon was throwedown an embankment. The animal had his neck broken. Mr. Samuel Jones was also aeriously hurt. THE NEW BATTALION .- The Philadelphia

POSTPONED PARADE: The Hibernia Target Compuny, Captain John T. Doyle, have resolved to postpone their contemplated parade on Thankegiving day till the 13th of December, in consequence of the exercision of the Hibernia Engine Company to New York occurring on the 20th, two days after Thanke-giving. PICK-POCKET ARRESTED .- John Riley was arrested in the Shippen-arrest market, saturally after-man, on the sharper of picking the pocket of a Jersey-man of a porte-monate, containing forty dellars. The money was thrown upon the parement by the thier, Bliey was committed to answer. ROBBERIES.—On Saturday afternoon it was ilscovered that the Oxford Church. In the Twenty-third rard, had been entered and robbt of a Lot of Prussels arpets On the same afternoon the dwelling of I-aac teinstine, No. 712 North Prontstreet, was robbed of a ot of clothing and other art oles. FIRST REGIMENT OF RIFLES .- On Thursday

NEGOTIATED FOR A LOT.—The Fame Hose Company are at present running their carriage from the Columbia Engine house. Filbert street, above Tepth. The members have negotiated for a lot on Filbert street, below Tenth, on which they intend to erect a new hose house.

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