

The principal Japanese instrument of music is the "Gyama," a kind of guitar with three strings. The body of the instrument consists of the shell of a tortoise, in the center of which the sound produced by the three strings are received, the strings being set in movement by a small rod made of horn.

—Once a week, speaking of a new invention to warm piano and organ keys in cold weather, suggests the use of hot roasted potato. The writer says that he knows of many places where ladies carry a hot potato in a flannel bag, and use it to warm their hands. It will retain heat a long time.

—Whisky in large quantities has been, for the last six months, constantly disappearing from the distillery of Schwarts & Stein, Fifty-third street, New York. A watchman in the street, on Friday evening of two months ago, found the watchman while in the act of removing whisky in India rubber bags.

—The report of the American Colonization Society, in session at Washington, shows a balance in the treasury, on Jan. 1, of \$8425. The receipts during the year were \$61,884. The total collection under the auspices of the Society during the year was 463, being 180 less than in 1897.

—At Plymouth, N. H., there is a cat which, in the summer season, will go to a brook, plunge in and seize trout swimming along, which she will bring into the house alive and lay on the floor, purring around them, and apparently craving praise for her piscatory feats.

—The New Hampshire Democratic Convention met on Wednesday. John Bell was nominated for Governor, and Gen. M. T. Donohue for Railroad Commissioner. The platform adopted favors taxation of United States bonds.

—Fifteen years ago a gentleman sold a piece of land in Des Moines, Iowa, for \$600. A week ago he bought the same lot from the person to whom he sold it, at the slightly advanced price of \$27,000.

—The case of the wife whose husband whipped her for eating both butter and molasses on Wednesday. John Bell was nominated for Governor, and Gen. M. T. Donohue for Railroad Commissioner. The platform adopted favors taxation of United States bonds.

—General Grant has declined hospitalities tendered him by the City of Baltimore, on account of previous engagements, but will receive a delegation from that city, on Saturday.

—The Mikado of Japan is described as a youth of sixteen, with a sensual and vacant countenance, a bald head and falsetto voice, and a nose painted half way up the forehead.

—The ship David Cannon, from Liverpool for New Orleans, has been totally wrecked on Chandeleur Island, near the mouth of the Mississippi. No lives were lost.

—At Boston, Charlotte A. Davis, aged twenty-three, who had a refined young lady, hung her self in the entry of her father's house. Ill health was the supposed cause.

—A pickpocket in New Orleans stole a portmanteau containing a diamond ring, from a lady's pocket, and by accident dropped it in place of a valuable diamond ring.

—Sheer Ali and Abdul Rahman are two individuals who are fighting for the throne of Afghanistan, with England as the backer of one and Russia of the other.

—In Orange county, New York, a bear has run away with a trap most inconspicuously attached to his leg, and all the inhabitants are hunting for him.

—Once in ten days descriptive lists of deserters from the army are sent from the general recruiting office in New York to the principal cities in the country.

—It is reported that the Dominion Government will call on Hon. Mr. Howe Commissioner to Washington to negotiate for a reciprocity treaty.

—A bill to punish prize fighting, has been introduced in the Missouri Legislature. It punishes gamblers both for the actors and spectators.

—Nearly 5,000,000 acres of grape vines are cultivated in France. The average annual value of the wine exceeds \$100,000,000.

—Two laborers on the New York Central Railroad were killed by a train of cars, near Syracuse, on Tuesday afternoon.

—The Princess of Latour d'Auvergne has bought the Mount of Olivets, built a chapel on it and given it to Napoleon.

—Sleigh bells were never heard in Austin, Nevada, until last month, and then the sleighs had to run on frozen mud.

—A man who carried off a Rochester hotel key in 1869, has just sent thirty-nine cents to the proprietor to pay for it.

—Impeachment is getting popular, even at the South. It is proposed now to impeach Governor Bullock, of Georgia.

—"I never was ruined but twice," said a wit, "once when I lost a lawsuit and once when I gained one."

—The U. S. Grand Jury in San Francisco, have found over 300 indictments for naturalization frauds.

—James C. King & Co., commission merchants of San Francisco, have suspended for heavy liabilities.

—"Lady speculators" are said to frequent some of the Wall street stock-gamblers' broker shops.

—Albert Sidney Johnson and Lovell H. Rousseau rest side by side in the New Orleans cemetery.

—The Western pork packers estimate 1,600,000 hogs as the number of the present season.

—A fire at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Wednesday, destroyed \$40,000 worth of property.

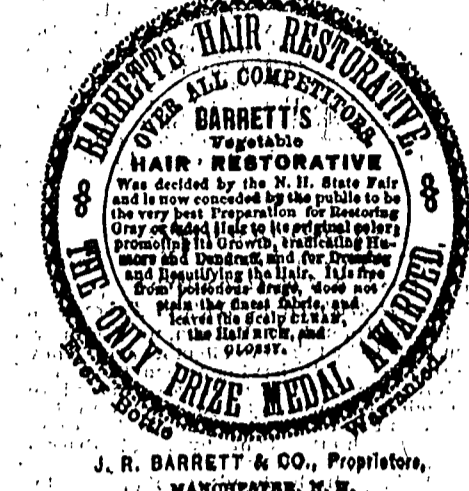
—Gen. Mower has been assigned to the command of the Military District of Louisiana.

—A Baltimore politician had his pocket picked of a gold watch on duty on Saturday.

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