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BELLEFONTAINE AND INDIANA RAILROAD.

We have been favored with the second annual report of this company, which gives a cheering account of its progress during the present year.

The whole length of this road, from Crestline, the Western terminus of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, to the Indiana State line is 118 miles, and so favorable is the ground that W. MILNOR ROBERTS, Esq., in his report states that his original estimate of $4,000 per mile for graduation, masonry and bridging is found to be sufficient. From Galion (or Crestline) to Marion, 20 miles, the work is nearly finished; the remaining sections are in a greater or less degree of forwardness. Mr. Roberts says that "with adequate means provided in time the road can be opened this year."

At Crestline the Ohio and Pennsylvania Company terminate their operations, to be sure; but the road is really continued in two branches—one of them, the Ohio and Indiana Railroad, runs in a Northwest course through Fort Wayne towards Chicago, Galena, &c; the other, Bellefontaine and Indiana road, (the one of which we are speaking,) takes a Southwesterly direction towards Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and St. Louis. Both these roads will be very great thoroughfares, and will pour their united flood of travel and trade upon the Ohio and Pennsylvania at its western terminus. When they shall be completed, the latter road will doubtless enjoy a business that will tax it to its utmost capacity. Nothing could be better planned than the Ohio and Pennsylvania road for securing the trade of the fertile region lying midway between the lakes and the Ohio river; and the arrangement of two branches Westward of Crestline, where that region becomes of great width, under the management of different companies, all forming one harmonious system, is one of the grandest achievements of enlightened forecast to be found in this or any other country.

We are indebted to the author for a copy of a popular treatise entitled "Views of the new Theory of Disease, and of Treatment and Cure, based upon the Nutritive Principle; illustrative of the Science of Fluid Physiology and the Chemical properties of the Blood;" by ALFRED G. HALL, M. D, Washington City. We have not had leisure to give this work, which is contained in a pamphlet of 135 pages, a full perusal; but so far as we have looked into it, it commends itself highly to our mind. Dr. Hall tells us many things in this little work which most of us would do well to read and bear in mind. As Providence has committed to every rational adult human being, to a great degree, the care of his own health, and the management of his own physical economy, he is bound to study the great basis of his being. To this end the work before us appears to be admirably adapted. A vein of strong good sense runs through it, clothed in language so simple that any person of ordinary intelligence can fully comprehend it. Dr. Hall puts forth no new theory, but merely discourses like a sensible man, in popular language, upon the laws of health, and tells us how to take care of ourselves.

FROM UTAH.—The last arrival brings intelligence from Salt Lake up to May 1st. The Mormons held their General Conference, in their new Tabernacle, on the 6th of April; Governor Young presided. Concerning this meeting, the *Deseret News* says: "Peace, good will, joy and harmony, have been in the breast of every person; not a jarring sound—not a discordant voice, or even a thought, has been manifested in all the transactions of the past glorious and happy week." In the conclusion of the same article, the *News* exhorts the Saints to sustain the government wherever they are, as long as the government sustains them in their civil and religious liberty; it ends with a high encomium on the General Government, and the Constitution of the United States.

The November mail from Sacramento to Utah was lost, the carriers having been killed by the Indians. The body of Capt. Woodward, who was one of them, was found at Deep Creek by the carrier of the returning mail, who was forced to come back by the great depth of snow. The Indians told him that the four men who were with Woodward were killed, and he himself wounded by some of another tribe, called Root-diggers, and that Woodward went on to the place where he was found, and died there.

When it was announced to the Conference that there were Mormons on the Plains who were without teams and wagons, or any means of conveyance, except handcars, wheelbarrows, &c, ninety-three of them at once offered their services in their assistance as a free donation to their Society.

LIBERIA.—The ship Lawdor from Monrovia brings intelligence that two powerful native chiefs, Boyer and Grando, were making extensive preparations to attack all the settlements in the Trade Town country at once. It was reported that they were receiving aid from some of the interior tribes. Boyer had once before attacked the Liberian frontier and afterwards sued for pardon, and while negotiations were going on, he was reconjunction with Grando, preparing for another attack. The Liberian papers assert that the British have incited the chiefs against them.

The business men in New Orleans are in great trouble about a bar at the mouth of the Mississippi, which has been steadily increasing until it now prevents the passage of large vessels when the river is low. A distinguished engineer of the United States army, resident at New Orleans, offers to make a channel twenty feet deep and wide enough to allow a tow-boat with a ship on each side of her to pass at all times, and to maintain it in this condition for the sum of $100,000 per annum, to be paid either by the city, the State, or the general government. Another person proposes to construct dams across some of the smaller outlets, and thus send a much larger quantity of water through the main streams.

Mr. GRINNEL has fitted up his ships, the *Advance* and *Rescue*, for another expedition in search of Sir John Franklin. Mr. George Peabody has offered to furnish $10,000 towards paying the expenses, if the Government can spare the requisite number of officers and men.

While the American schooner Flirt was at Sumatra, Mr. Gibeon, the captain, wrote a letter to the Sultan of that island, inciting him to throw off his dependence on the Dutch and promising him aid in the rebellion. This letter was intercepted by the Dutch, who immediately took possession of the vessel and made prisoners of the crew, who with their captain were thrown into prison, where they are now awaiting their trial.

A FEMALE PREACHER.—The Rev. Antoinette L. Brown, a graduate of the Oberlin Theological School, in Ohio, delivered a sermon a few days since, to a crowded congregation, in the Melodeon at Boston, taking for her text the passage, in which Paul forbids women to speak in the churches.

MORE EASTERN IRON COMING.—The Erie Railroad has bought six thousand tons best iron in England for their second track.—*Railroad Journal.*

Lee, Jeffries & Co., We now have satisfactory evidence that Gen. Pierce advocated the abolition of the religious test in the New Hampshire Convention. So far so good; but that less than one sixth of the voters and those principally whigs, in that very democratic state should have seconded the motion is marvellous indeed. But Mr. Pierce if he is correctly reported, did advocate the change; so let him have full credit. We would by no means do him injustice in this or any thing else.

THE SANDWICH ISLAND PARLIAMENT was formally opened by his Majesty, on the 13th of April, in the Stone Church, in Honolulu, with the usual ceremonies.

His Majesty then read from the throne a speech in the Hawaiian language, addressed to his well beloved "Nobles and Representatives," in which he says:

"My relations with all foreign nations, excepting only France, continue to be of the most friendly character."

A little further on he discourseth of the evil disposed Islamselites, who in his mind, threatened an invasion of his kingdom, and calleth "to arms" in this fashion:

"The peace of my kingdom has been threatened with an invasion of private adventurers from California. An appeal was made to the United States Commissioner, which being promptly acted on by Captain Gardiner, of the United States ship Vandalia, tranquillized the public mind. I have taken some measures to create a military force, in the training of which Captain Gardiner has been pleased to render important assistance. Such a force has been considered indispensable to enable me to protect efficiently the lives and property of all who live under my dominion. It will be for you to provide the means of maintaining such a force permanently, so as that the very defenceleseness of my kingdom may not invite the evil disposed to invade it."

He expresses himself very liberally toward his subjects, and tells them if they are not satisfied with the Constitution he granted them in 1840, he was ready to grant another, "for the good of my people."

BARBAROUS TREATMENT OF AMERICAN SEAMEN BY THE JAPANESE.

By the bark Eureka, arrived from Canton, this morning, we have the following statement of cruel treatment by the Japanese towards shipwrecked American seamen, and murder of one of the unfortunate men, taken at St. Helens, some months ago:—

Murphy Wells, an American citizen, born in the State of New York, late carpenter on board the American whaling ship Lawrence, of Poughkeepsie, Capt. Baker, states that the said vessel (Lawrence) was wrecked on the 28th May, 1846, by running on a reef of rocks in the dead of the night, above 300 miles off the coast of Japan, during very thick weather. The vessels remained by the vessel until daylight, when three boats were manned by the whole of the ship's company, *who took* with them all of their clothing, &c., that could possibly be got at, as the vessel was going to pieces *fast*, she set making a breach over her. They then steered off on their way to the Island of Japan; during the night the boats separated, two of which have never been seen since. One boat (Wells') arrived in safety, after seven days passage. On the moment of our arrival, the natives took possession of all of us, our boat and effects, then we were conducted with a prison cage, made similar to those in which wild beasts are kept for exhibition, where we were confined, and half starved for eleven months and a half; after which we were transported to a Dutch settlement on the coast, where we were again put in prison by the Japanese, for two months more. At the expiration of this confinement, we were brought before the chiefs, and tried for daring to approach their land. *We told* them we were shipwrecked, which they would not listen to—and upon no other charge could they accuse us. Our liberation. They threatened to cut off our heads, because they thought we were English, whom they hate. But when we told them we were Americans, they said nothing more except to ask us of west religion we were. Upon our telling them we were shipped God and believed in Jesus Christ, they brought a cross bearing the image of our Saviour, and had we not trampled upon it at their request, they would have massacred us on the spot. We were then detained on shore, in prison, for a couple of days more, when they sent us on board a Dutch ship bound to Batavia, where we arrived in December, 1847, each of us doing the best we could for ourselves, to get a passage home.

While we were in Japan, in prison, one of our comrades, Thomas Williams, endeavored to make his escape; but was caught and taken back to prison in a dying state, owing to wounds inflicted on him with some deadly weapon, as there was a gash over his forehead which bled profusely. The poor fellow lived about six hours, and when he was dead, the natives brought a coffin, into which they compelled us to place the corpse: when they took it away; but what was done with it we never ascertained.

The names of those saved from the wreck are —George Hoy, second mate; Thomas Williams, seaman, since murdered; Thomas Williams, seaman; Peter Williams, do.; Henry Spencer, do.; Murphy Wells, carpenter.

We heard of several English seamen being there in confinement similar to ourselves.

It is anxiously hoped the American government will not suffer this ill treatment; but more particularly so sanguinary an act towards helpless shipwrecked American seamen, to pass by without ample retribution.—*N. Y. Herald.*

SLAVE TRADE.—We clip from the Intelligencer Intelligencer, the following table exhibiting the number of slaves shipped from the coast of Africa, to Cuba and Brazil; from the year 1842 to 1851.

Year	Cuba.	Brazil.
1842	3,630	17,485
1843	8,000	19,095
1844	10,000	22,849
1845	1,300	19,453
1846	419	50,324
1847	1,450	60,170
1848	1,500	60,000
1849	8,700	54,000
1850	3,500	23,000
1851	5,000	3,287

IMPORTANT RUMOR.—Letters, we understand, have been received by the last mail from California, giving information that a Fillibuster movement is intended from California upon the Sandwich Islands. The government has already been put in possession of this information and will, no doubt, exert its authority to put a stop to such a movement—with what success remains to be seen. The particulars of this expedition are not yet public, but it is said to be on a large scale, and to be managed, so far, with some ability, as well as secrecy. The California journals by the Illinois are dumb on the subject, but the following, which meets our eye in the proceedings of the Sandwich Island Legislature, possibly may have something to do with it:

"Mr. Sheldon offered a resolution expressing the disapprobation of the House upon the reports in circulation abroad, to the effect that the people of this kingdom was desirous of coming under the American government, and calling for an inquiry as to the sources from which such reports have emanated. Passed."

On the following day, however, we see a motion to reconsider prevailed, and the effect of which was to have the resolution postponed indefinitely. This is a rather suspicious fact.—*N. Y. Express.*

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Bayard Taylor, in one of his agreeable letters from the Nile, which appear in the New York Tribune, gives the following account of an incident which came near putting an end to his travels:

"The men were about to pitch my tent near some suspicious looking holes, but I had it moved to a clear, open space not far distant. In the morning as Achmet was about rolling up my mattress, he suddenly let it drop and rushed out of my tent, exclaiming, "Oh, master, come out, come out! There is a great snake in your bed!" I looked, and true enough, there was an ugly, spotted reptile coiled up in the straw matting. The men heard the alarm, and my servant Ali immediately came running up with a club. As he was afraid to enter the tent, he threw it to me, and with one blow I put the snake beyond the power of doing harm. It was not more than two feet long, but thick, and club shaped, with a back covered with green, brown, and yellow scales, very hard and bright. The Arabs, who by this time had come to the rescue, said it was a most venemous creature, its bite causing instant death. "*Allah kereem!*" (God is merciful!) I exclaimed, and they all heartily responded, "God be praised!" They said that the occurrence denoted long life to me. Although no birds were to be seen at the time, not ten minutes had elapsed before two large crows appeared and alighted near the snake. They walked around it at a distance, occasionally exchanging glances, and turning up their heads in a shrewd manner, which plainly said, "No you don't, old fellow! want to make us believe you are dead, do you?" They bantered each other to take hold of it first, and at last the boldest seized it suddenly by the tail, jumped backward two or three feet and then let it fall. He looked at the other, as much as to say, "If he's not dead, it's a capital sham!" The other made a similar essay, after which they alternately dragged and shook it, and consulted some time, before they agreed that it was actually dead. One of them then took it by the tail and sailed off though the air, its scales glittering in the sun as it dangled downward."

The San Francisco correspondent of the Journal of Commerce says: "At present there are a few Parisians in our city. They attracted considerable attention on the plaza last week, while engaged in worshipping the Sun."

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Daily Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, June 14, 1852.

Mr. Gentry, of Tennessee, made a speech today which entitles him to a high place among the Fillibusters whose pranks have for some three years annoyed and harassed the Whig party. He said that the Whigs must adopt a Slavery platform, with the approved paraphernalia of pledges, threats of veto, &c., or the party would go to the dogs. As it was, Scott was already damned beyond redemption. Let him now write any kind of a letter, or subscribe to any possible resolution, and his fate would still be the same, disastrous defeat. This is all very well as a demonstration to sway the Convention. It takes rank with the mighty effort of Florida Cabell, on Saturday, who picked up his meagre kit and made a straight coast tail for the Democratic camp. Cabell, Toombs, and three or four others deserted their party in December '49, when Winthrop was nominated for Speaker, and then set up Gentry in opposition. The result was as expected, the election of Cobb. It was then thought that Gentry did not approve of the use of his name, but his speech to-day, and his backing and filling with the Secessionists from his party, give color to the supposition that there was a good understanding between him and apparent supporters on that occasion. Mr. Stanley congratulated the Whigs of the Union that Cabell had flung out his flag, for they would know how to arrange their forces in defiance of him and his State.—Gentry's manifesto is fortunate in the same view. He has shown his hand, and the people of Tennessee, who mean to aid in electing the regular Whig, candidate will take care to assign him a place far in the rear of their column.

The Webster delegates held a meeting at the Astor House on Friday, and ate a dinner. That is a mode of opening the campaign, in which they are doubtless expert, and if the hard work of the contest was to be done by dining and wining, this wing of the party would win laurels in the fight. Mr. Webster is urged as the Compromise candidate, because he not only endorses the finality of the peace compact, but is distinguished for many qualities which are looked in vain for in either of the two other candidates. But if the convention feel at any loss for a stick of timber on which to raise the Compromise flag, there will be found at least a score of Whigs as well known to their party and the country as Franklin Pierce.

The Senate has agreed not to transact any important business in executive session until after the Whigs return from Baltimore. For this reason they have laid over for a week the Sioux treaty. It will be then passed. The necessity of confirming it is shown by the fact that already some six thousand white men have settled upon the lands ceded by the Indians.

It is reported that the committee on printing have again agreed upon a plan for making the proprietors of the Union public printers. Something will now probably be done for them as an earnest of the Union of the democracy. The first gun for Pierce and King will be a hundred thousand pounder in the shape of a doucer be stowed upon the organ. JUNIUS.

THE COLLISION AT SEA BETWEEN THE SHIP TENNESSEE AND THE BARK FAIRMOUNT

Serious Inculpation of the Captain of the Tennessee

We find in the New Orleans True Delta, of the 4th inst, a statement which has been duly authenticated before a Justice of the Peace, coming from one of the passengers, T. Derbes, of the ship Tennessee, which seriously inculpates the character for humanity of the principal officer in that vessel, for its late collision with the bark Fairmount, of Philadelphia.

On Friday, 21st of May ultimo, in lat. 24 deg 30 min, lon 80 deg. 50 min, at about 7½ o'clock P. M. I happened to look on the lee side of the vessel, and perceived another vessel on the larboard tack, and, so near as I could judge, we were then about four or five cables length from that vessel. I immediately called Captain Cook's attention, and stated to him that that vessel seemed to try to weather us, but my opinion was the captain looked at the [illegible] that she could she could [illegible] vessel, and confirmed [illegible] that [illegible] weather [illegible] passed scarcely reached the weather side, when received a light on board of the other vessel, running forward and backward, and I again called captain's attention to that move of the vessel, and his reply was that he had the starboard tack, and that the other vessel was bound to keep off. No thing else was said or done to prevent a collision, and a minute after I saw the bark's bowsprit by our starboard side, and a tremendous crash took place immediately, when I heard the mate of our vessel say, "the brig is sinking." On this statement, Captain Cook gave orders to square the main yard; the ship then got aback, and all that could be seen of the bark was her spanker rapidly sinking.

As the crew of the Tennessee were executing the Captain's command, I stood on the lee side with a coil of rope in my hands, ready to heave it to the first who would or could come within my reach, but I regret to say I had no chance to use my rope, though I could see the men about twelve or fifteen yards from our ship.—They were all congregated on a spar, or a piece of broken mast, and were drifting rapidly to the South. As I was anxiously looking at the poor men drifting, a man addressed me, and inquired where the Captain was. I told him he was on the poop. He then went aft, and said, "Captain, are you going to put a boat overboard to save those people?" To which question Captain Cook replied, "I don't know about that, sir; I want to look at my ship first." The man then told Capt. Cook, "I am first officer of the bark, and wish you would furnish me with the means to save those men." which Capt. Cook replied, "when I know what I am situated, I'll see to that." Then the carpenter was ordered to examine how much water we had in the hull, and the mate ordered to clear the vessel of all the broken spars and rigging, which were ahead of us. In the meantime, the distressing cries of the drifting men were to be heard, and it was a most heart breaking scene to witness.

"At about 9 o'clock, five or six sailors congregated and told the captain that neither sea nor wind were bad enough to prevent them from saving their fellow creatures, and that they were ready to go to their rescue, if he would let them have a boat; whereupon Cook told them that it was useless for them to try, that he had often put a boat out to sea in night time, and never succeeded in saving any one, but on the contrary often swamped his boats; that their only prospect was to swamp the boat, and not come back, and deprive the ship of their services. As the sailors persisted in their request, Cook told them since they wanted to go they could take the starboard boat. Three or four sailors set themselves to work in unfastening the boat, which was then upset on the poop. They had scarcely been engaged in clearing the boat, when the mate of the Tennessee came aft and said "that it was useless to put the boat off, that these men were about a mile off, and that they could not find them, and it was better to leave the boat there and set the sails and rigging in order." The captain confirmed the mate's assertion, and the men were ordered to go to work and get the ship in order. It was 20 minutes to 9 o'clock, P. M., when the ship Tennessee struck the barque, named Fairmount; we had a lantern on the side most all the time the ship was aback, and it was four minutes after 10 o'clock when we set sail to go to Key West, at which time we could still hear the hopeless cries of the drowning men.

"The next day, Captain Cook told me that he was steering for New Orleans. I, in company with the mate of the Fairmount and the second mate of the Tennessee, made a calculation of the leaking of the vessel, and found that she had been leaking 156 strokes in forty-one minutes."

This statement is further signed by the second mate of the Tennessee, the steward, the mate of the Fairmount, and several seamen.

A HARRISBURG FREE COLORED BOY SOLD INTO SLAVERY.—Some months ago a colored boy of this place, named John Johnston, disappeared very mysteriously, and subsequently turned up at Baltimore, where he was imprisoned for entering the State contrary to the laws of Maryland, and after being advertised, was sold or bound out for twenty-one years. The mother employed a lawyer of this place, and he in turn employed an attorney in Baltimore, and they together exercised their legal ingenuity in vain to procure the liberation of the boy. At last they began to treat with Mr. Petherbridge, the gentleman who had the boy, and he offered to deliver him up for the sum of $100 which he said would be but sufficient to indemnify him for his expenses and trouble. A petition was immediately drawn up, and the mother, after the most extraordinary exertions, succeeded in raising $50—one half the sum necessary to liberate her son. Finally application was made through B. M'Allister, Esq., of this place, to Mr. Buchanan, of Baltimore, who generously redeemed the boy, and returned him to his overjoyed mother, directing her to retain the $50 she had collected, for the use of her son. The boy arrived here on Thursday last, in charge of Hon. John P. Kennedy, of Baltimore.—*Whig State Journal.*

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—The Postmaster General laid before the Senate on Friday the 21st ult, the information called for by that body in relation to the number of letters, cost of transportation and the amount of postage collected in each State for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1851. It appears by the statement that the whole number of paid and unpaid letters which have passed through the post office of the United states during the year aforesaid (exclusive of California, foreign and dead letters) was 71 185,285; of which there were paid letters 19,207,471; unpaid letters, 69,707,726; paid by stamps, 1,279,068; free do, 3,636,016; drop do, 715,428. Letters conveyed by European steamers, 6,909,186, do, do., Havana, 56,993; do, do. California 1,323,667. Dead letters 2,419,250. The total amount, adding the four last items omitted in the first aggregate, is 82,252,735; as the number of letters which pass through the post office of the United States, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1851. The total printed matter, newspapers, pamphlets, chargable with postage, was 82,695,872; free printed matter, 3,460,060; exchange newspapers and franked documents, 5,000,000; total, 91,155,922.

WONDERFUL CAVERN CALAVERAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.—Calaveras County seems to abound in natural curiosities—as there are many caves well worth visiting in this part of the country. The great prevalence of lime stone in our ranges of hills will naturally account for these interesting formations. Lately, I availed myself of the offer of a kind friend to conduct me to one of them, and was much pleased with my visit—although, I am sorry to say, that visiters seem to emulate each other in their zeal to deform and deface what should be most carefully guarded and protected. The cave to which I allude is situated about a mile from town, on the South bank of the South branch of Sutter Creek. The entrance is through a small opening in the hill, just sufficient to admit a man's body. The descent is easy, the many projections of the rock affording a secure foot and hand hold. Neither is it of very great depth, the top of the platform not being more than ten feet from the entrance, whence it slopes gently down till the centre is reached, forming a chamber of about thirty feet in length and breadth, and a height composed of octagons of calcareous formation, along which, in a narrow bed, silently glides a crystal stream, rising from a spring in one of the lateral chambers. The roof is divided into compartments, the centre being a large circle, from which depend clusters of stalactites of every variety, some crystalline, others opaque, while some again partake of a variegated hue, as if tinged by coloring matter in the rock through which they have percolated. The graining of the roof is as perfect as if moulded by the hand of art, forming in many places a pillars, with richly adorned capitals, strongly reminding one of an ancient Gothic cathedral. From the main chamber, branch two galleries, leading into small apartments, rich in groups of the most fanciful petrification, varying from the massive block to the most delicate and finely-pointed crystalline needle.—*Calaveras Chronicle.*

MEAGER, while speaking of his fellow exiles, says:

His only regret in leaving the British penal colony was to leave them behind, and the joy of his escape was therefore tinged with sadness. Mitchel left well, though suffering mentally. O'Brien, he regretted to say, was much changed for the worse; the sufferings of his noble spirit having weighed down his bodily frame almost to the dust.

A POINT OF SPACE.—The diameter of the earth's orbit is, as it were, the pocket-rule of the astronomer, with which he measures distances which the mind can no more grasp, than infinity. This star-measurer is one hundred and ninety millions of miles in length. This the astronomer lays down on the floor of heaven, and drawing lines from its extremities to the nearest fixed star, or centiuri, he finds the angle thus subtended by this base line to be not quite one second. By the simple rule of three he then arrives at the fact the nearest fixed star is 21,000,000,000,000 miles off.

From another simple calculation it follows, that in the space around our solar system devoid of stars, there is room enough in one dimension, or in one straight line, for 12,000 solar systems; in two dimensions, or in one plane, there is room enough for 150 millions of solar systems; and in an ideal sederial space of three dimensions, there is room for 1,500,000 000, 000 of solar systems, the size of our own!

Nay, good farmer, do not look so unbelievingly. Your boy need not graduate from the district school to prove all this. One and a half million million of solar systems, as large as ours, might be set in the space which divides between it and its nearest neighbor. And if we might assume the aggregate population of our solar system to be 50,000,000,000, there would be room enough for thirty thousand trillions of human beings to live, love, and labor in the globes that might be planted in this same star-

[illegible] Nay, good man of the [illegible] moment longer. Our sun is but a dim [illegible] of light in the great milky way; and Dr. Herschel says he discovered fifty thousand just such suns in that highway of worlds, in a space apparently a yard in breadth and six in length. Think of that a moment! and then that no two of them all are probably nearer each other than twenty billions of miles; and then that the starlless space between their solar systems might contain 1,500,000,000,000 similar systems! Multiply these spaces and these systems by a hundred millions, and you will have numbered the worlds that a powerful glass will open to your view, from one point of space.

And you ask despairingly, What is man? We will tell you what he is in one aspect: the Creator of all these worlds is his God.

Late advices from Madagascar state that the natives had cut off the American schooner Queen of the West, murdered all on board, and then burned the vessel. Sixteen of the participants in this horrible transaction have been arrested by the French authorities, who were awaiting the action of this government in the matter.—*N. Y. Herald.*

At latest dates the small-pox was scourging the Island of Jamaica at a terrible rate. In Falmouth, with a population under 4,040, it is supposed 160 are dead and it is thought that nearly three fourths of the inhabitants have had the disease in some shape or other. There is not an estate within a large district of the parish, where they have not lost a number of laborers. At Fantepant estate, with a population of perhaps 140, 18 had died from small-pox up to the 2d instant.

JONATHAN AND JAPAN.—It is said that the American expedition to Japan will tend to the civilization of that country's inhabitants. But will not conveying polish to Japan, be something like carrying coals to Newcastle? And should any resistance be offered to Jonathan, is he not fully blessed to take the shine out of the Japanese?—*Punch.*

THE ART OF PRINTING ON STONE.—The process of lithrographing is based upon the fact that *printing ink is largely composed of oil, and that oil and water do not mix, any surface which is wet with water.* Every one knows how utterly impossible it is to mix oil and water. To lithrograph, then all that is necessary, is to draw on the surface of a dry stone or slab, with a greasy crayon, whatever is desired to be printed. A weak solution of nitric acid is then rubbed over the stone, which fastens the draw so that it can not be rubbed off. After this, a solution of gum arabic is passed over the surface, and then the stone is ready for printing. By means of a sponge, water is now rubbed on the stone, and while yet wet the inking roller is applied. The ink of course adheres to the lines of the drawing, because these are oily, but to the wet stone it does not. The paper is now laid on, and with the stone passed through the press; the result being a beautiful and exact copy of whatever is drawn.

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MOURNING.—"Black is the garb of mourning," says Rabelais, "because it is the color of darkness, which is melancholy, and the opposite of white, which is the color of light, of joy and of happiness." The early poets asserted that souls, after death, went into a dark and gloomy empire. Probably it is in consonance with this idea that they imagined black was the most congenial color for mourning. The Chinese and the Siamese choose white, conceiving that the dead become beneficent genii. In Turkey, mourning is composed of blue or violet; in Ethiopia, of gray; and at the time of the invasion of Peru by the Spaniards, the inhabitants of that country wore it of mouse color. Among the Japanese, white is the sign of mourning, and black of rejoicing. In Castile, mourning vestments were formerly of white serge. The Persians clothed in brown, and their whole family, and all their animals, were shaved. In Lydia, the men wore female habiliments during the whole time of their mourning.

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