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FIRST VIEW OF THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS.

It was about eight in the morning—an atmosphere of crystal, and not a cloud in the sky. Yet something white and shining glimmered through the loose foliage of some trees on my right hand. My heart came into my mouth with the sudden bound it gave, when, after plunging through the trees like one mad, tumbling into a ditch on the other side, and scrambling up a great pile of dirt, I saw the Himalayas before me! Unobscured by a single cloud or a speck of vapor, there stood revealed the whole mountain region, from the low range of the Siwalik Hills, about twenty miles distant, to the loftiest pinnacles of eternal snow, which look down on China and Thibet. The highest range, though much more than a hundred miles distant, as the crow flies, rose as far into the sky as the Alps at forty miles, and with every glacier and chasm and spire of untrodden snow as clearly defined.— Their true magnitude, therefore, was not fully apparent, because the eye refused to credit the intervening distance. But the exquisite loveliness of the shadows painted by the morning on those enormous wastes of snow, and the bold yet beautiful outlines of the topmost cones, soaring to a region of perpetual silence and death, far surpassed any distant view of the Alps or any other mountain chain I ever saw. As seen from Roorkhee, the Himalayas present the appearance of three distinct ranges. The first, the Siwalik Hills, are not more than two thousand feet in height; the second, or Sub-Himalayas, rise to eight or nine thousand, while the loftiest peaks of the snowy range, visible from this point, are 25,000 feet above the sea. Far in the northwest was the Chore, an isolated peak, which is almost precisely the height of Mont Blanc, but seemed a very pigmy in comparison with the white cones beyond it.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE HIMALAYAS.

To the north, I looked into the wild heart of the Himalayas—a wilderness of barren peaks, a vast jumble of red mountains, divided by tremendous clefts and ravines, of that dark indigo hue which you sometimes see on the edge of a thunder-cloud—but in the back ground, towering far, far above them, rose the mighty pinnacles of the Gungootre, the Jumnootre, the Budreenath, and the Kylas, the heaven of India, where the Great God, Mahadeo, still sits on his throne, inaccessible to mortal foot. I was fifty miles nearer these mountains than at Roorkheo, where I first beheld them, and with the additional advantage of being mounted on a foot stool equal to one-third of their height.— They still stood immeasurable above me, so cold, and clear, and white, that, without knowledge to the contrary, I should have said that they were not more than twenty miles distant. Yet as the crow flies, a line of *seventy* miles would scarce have reached their summits.

RIDE ON AN ELEPHANT.

The rajah had kept his promise, and his big she-elephant had already arrived. She knelt at the keepers command, and a small ladder was placed against her side, that I might climb upon the pad, as I had been unable to borrow a howdah. I had a package of bread and cold roast beef, to serve me as a tiffin, but was careful to conceal it from the driver, otherwise himself and the elephant, with all her trapping, must have undergone purification on account of the unclean flesh. I took a reluctant leave of Mr. Keene, seated myself astride on the pad, with the diver before me, on the elephant's neck and we moved off. The driver was a Sikh, in a clean white and scarlet dress, and a norrow handkerchief bound around his head. His long, well combed hair was anointed with butter, and, as his head was just under my nose, I was continually regaled with the unctuous odors. He carried a short iron spike, with which he occasionally punched the elephant's head, causing her to snort and throw up her trunk, as she quickened her pace. I found the motion very like that of a large dromedary, and by no means unpleasant or fatiguing. Though walking, she went at the rate of about five miles an hour. I noticed that the driver frequently spoke to her, in a quiet, conversational tone, making remarks about the roads and advising her how to proceed—all of which she seemed to understand perfectly, and obeyed without hesitation.

JUNGLE GRASS ON FIRE.

Toward evening, I was startled by a roaring sound, resembling a high wind advancing through the forest. But soon dense volumes of white smoke became visible, and occasionally streamers of flame shot above the tree-tops. A turn in the road discovered an open track at the foot of the hills, covered with tall jungle-grass, which the natives had set on fire. The grass was very thick, and from eight to ten feet high, so that the conflagration was on a great scale. The flames, of a brilliant scarlet color, pressed along the slope with a fury of a charging battalion, and their deep roar, with the incessant snapping and crackling of the grass, made a noise truly awful. I was strongly reminded of my unlucky attempt at burning out lions, on the White Nile, a year previous. The fire had just leaped over the road, and my bearers passed in safety.

WHAT THEY DO WITH INFANT CORPSES IN SHANGHAI.

Between the graves and the city walls stands a low building, in a clump of cedar trees. This is one of the "Baby Towers," of which there are several near the city. All infants who die under the age of one year are not honored with burial, but done up in a package, with matting and cords, and thrown into the tower, or rather well, as it is sunk some distance below the earth. The top, which rises about ten feet above the ground, is roofed, but an aperture is left for casting in the bodies. Looking into it, we see that the tower is filled nearly to the roof with bundles of matting, from which exhales a pestilent effluvium.

A CHINESE PRIEST AT HIS DEVOTIONS.

Hearing a continual thumping noise in the room beyond, we push open the door and surprise a Boodhist priest at his devotions. He is seated at a table with a book open before him, from which he is chanting prayers with a monotonous, drawling tone, while with one hand he thumps incessantly with a small wooden hammer upon a hollow drum of the same material. This drum is called by the same name as the great fish upon which the earth rests, and which its sound soothes into quiet. When, at any time, even for a minute, there is no drum beaten throughout the whole world, the fish at once becomes uneasy, and his contortions occasion earthquakes. The priest wears a yellow robe, his skin is yellow, his head is shaven bald, his face is puckered with wrinkles, and altogether he is one of the oddest and funniest old men that ever was seen. He looks up, nods, with a queer twinkle in his eyes, looks down again, and up again, but never once pauses in his chanting or his thumping.

SECOND ASCENSION OF MR. WINCHESTER.—FEARFUL APPREHENSIONS.—Mr. Winchester made a balloon ascension from Norwalk on Tuesday last. He commenced inflating his balloon early in the morning, and at 2 P. M. stepped into the car and cut loose from earth. The balloon rose rapidly, and in five minutes passed into the clouds out of view. The wind was light, and at the time he passed into the clouds his course was due east. He was seen passing over Berlinville, an indication that the balloon met with a north-easterly current, which would take Mr. W. over the Lake in the direction of Buffalo.—the *Experiment* says:

"At the time of putting our paper to press, (Friday evening,) three days have elapsed since the ascension was made, and as there have been no tidings received from Mr. Winchester, the most fearful apprehensions are rife as to his fate. When he started, he said he intended to go higher and further than any Æronaut had ever dared to think of going. It is feared by some that when he got into the "upper current," the intense coldness which prevails in that region soon rendered him insensible and that he was frozen to death. Others think that he must have come down in the lake and been drowned. We are fearful that some accident has befallen him, still we cannot relinquish the hope that he is safe, and that he will live to make many more ascensions."

It will be recollected that Mr. W. made his first ascension from Milan this fall and landed near Hudson. He rose to the height of over 20,000 feet, and was so cold at one time as to become sleepy and insensible, and that when he next observed the thermometer the mercury indicated 5 deg. below zero. The bags of sand in his balloon were frozen hard.—*Cleveland Herald of Monday.*

A SUBJECT THAT REQUIRES LEGISLATION.—"What's your name, sonny?" said we to a pretty little boy, about three years old, led by a little maid twice as old, in a neighboring town lately. The little fellow made no reply, but on our asking him again, he hung his head, as if ashamed to tell, and at the third asking began to sob and cry as if his heart would break. We were nearly frightened out of our wits, for we did not know but some jury might find us guilty of scaring him to death. "For mercy's sake what ails him?" said we to his young companion; "what is his name?" "His name is *Franklin Pierce Towle*," said she, her face turning crimson. Here was the mystery, and we did not wonder that the little fellow was weeping over the insult that he was not big enough to resent. We felt penitent, so we took the mourner on our knee, and told him soothingly, "there was nothing in a name," and if there was, the first two words of his name were his father's fault and not his, and that he would soon be old enough to apply to the legislature for change of name. The latter statement relieved us, for he smiled through his tears, and soon looked as good natured as if we had not insulted him at all.—*Exchange.*

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

THE CASE OF McCREA.

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Sept. 24, 1855.—On the 17th inst. the District Court assembled at Leavenworth. Forty-eight Grand Jurors were present, and Chief Justice Lecompte was about to swear and impanel sixteen of them, when McCrea's counsel moved that the accused be brought from prison that he might object to the manner of choosing the Grand Jury, and to challenge for cause. One of the Grand Jurors was engaged with Clark in the attack on McCrea when the latter shot him. Notwithstanding this fact the Judge overruled every motion for the defendant, and also refused to sign a bill of exceptions, or explain by what rule he selected the sixteen Grand Jurors. The Grand Jury was then sworn and the Court then adjourned:— Next morning Lecompte secretly added three more to the Jury. On Thursday afternoon the Grand Jury came into Court for instructions in the McCrea case. Instead of publicly instructing them the Judge sent them back to their room, and delegated R. R. Rees, the Chairman of the ruffian mob that attacked Phillips, to instruct them in their duties. Being still divided, they again forced their foreman to lead them into Court. The foreman, who is one of the fire-eaters under Stringfellow, Atchison & Co., was exceedingly angry, at their obstinacy, and as he came into Court exclaimed, "They can't agree; three are for a presentment for murder, five for manslaughter, and eleven against finding any bill." This announcement produced a great sensation in Court, and the Judge, without instructing the Jury that in such a case they should return the bill "ignored," sent them back to their room and caused other business to be brought before them. A majority of the Jury, however, being in favor of ignoring the bill against McCrea, refused to act upon any other business until his case was finally disposed of, and therefore returned again and again into Court, without making any presentment. This was continued until Saturday, when the Judge, perceiving that he, to go on with the business before him, must do justice to McCrea by giving the Jury proper instructions, dismissed the Grand Jury, and adjourned the Court until the second Monday in November. Such an adjournment is not legal, being authorized by no statute, and is, in fact, a dissolution of the Court. As such it was doubtless intended, in order to detain McCrea in prison until next Spring, that another effort may be organized to pack a Grand Jury. The baseness of the Judge has not been unobserved nor will it pass without notice. A petition will be presented to the President praying for his removal on the ground of corruption and imbecility in office, and there is not a single attorney of respectability in the Territory who will not sign it.

When this man came to the Territory the people looked upon him with hope and confidence; but ever since he sold an extra-judicial opinion for an interest in the proposed location for the Capital; public opinion has hastily changed toward him. Since his encouragement of the ruffians of this neighborhood, by showing a disposition to frown down all charges brought against them, the citizens of the town have found it necessary to appoint a special police, and the greater part of the citizens are obliged to carry arms to defend themselves from outrage.

P. S. The night after the Court adjourned, Hughes, the captain of the ruffians who mobbed Mr. Phillips, was seen with a gun prowling around the house of Mr. P. from midnight until four in the morning. It is supposed that a band of lawless Missourians are concealed in the bush near the town, awaiting an opportunity to attack our citizens and destroy the printing press of *The Territorial Register*. Three hundred well-armed citizens are prepared to receive them, and sentinels are posted in every part of the town with signals for a general rally.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.—The Rev. Dr. Adams church on the corner of Madison-av. and Twenty-fourth-st. was filled last evening by a very large and intelligent audience to listen to a discourse of the Rev. Dr. Baird, the Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, upon the subject of the progress of truth in the Papal countries of Europe, from which he has but recently returned from a visit. The Revs. De Witt and Adams participated in the religious exercises on the occasion. Dr. Baird said that the great want of the world at the present time was a resuscitation of Christianity. If there was as much true Christianity in Ireland, Italy, Spain, France, Austria, Mexico and South America as in Great Britain in the United States, what mighty results would follow in a social and political point of view. Christianity had in eighteen centuries gone on until it had reached the point of governing the world, and embraced 330,000 of people. The truth could not be spread in Europe without we felt it here, and it would be a vital question ere long to have the truth spread in Mexico and South America. They had as much right to impart their Christianity within the Papal dominions as the Pope had to use his efforts to extend Romanism in this land. The speaker had been in Europe seven times; there was no capital nor country of it which he had not seen.— His last visit was in July, to attend a meeting of 500 protestant ministers from all parts of the Protestant world in Paris, which lasted ten days. Two other similar meetings had been held within a few years past, and he had thus had an opportunity to judge of the progress made. In Ireland, through the efforts of their English bretheren, much progress had been made. The Presbyterians of Ireland and Scotland had established schools churches, and missionary stations. The Episcopal church was doing much more, it having the advantage of being the established church. Over $200,000 had been expended last year in preaching and reading the Bible in the Irish language; and during the last few years thousands had turned away from the errors of Rome. The Primitive Wesleyans had meetings in more than one thousand four hundred places in Ireland.— The Independants and other denominations were also doing a good work. Systematic efforts were being made in Glasgow, Liverpool, and other English and Scotch cities, to spread the truth among the Roman transient residents than. In France there were now over two millions of Protestants. Young men were engaged in preparing themselves to labor among both the Roman devotees and the infidel population which were often found to be about equally divided.— The Colporteur prepared the way for the Evangelist, and he for the regular minister. The ignorance of the people rendered it necessary that the Scriptures should be read to them. Protestantism was rapidly gaining ground. There were now about seven hundred persons engaged in the work of disseminating truth. Through the influence of Romish advisers at Court, the schools and churches in five or six departments had been closed within a few years past, but Louis Napoleon, upon being petitioned by Protestant divines had caused them to be opened again.— There were large numbers of Protestants still, Protestant who had been without religious instruction ever since the revocation of the edict of Nantz. A great effort was now being made to awaken the spirit of Christianity among such Protestants.— Great progress was also being made in Belgium among the French, Flemish and Dutch population. In Sardinia the door was open to five millions of people. The monarch was a nominal Roman Catholic, as were his ministers. The Waldenses were active in their exertions to extend the truth. They were about to open their Theological Seminary. The truth was preached in different parts of Sardinia in Italian and French. In Germany one-half of the population was nearly one-half Catholic. But much encouraging progress had been made. In Austria too the facts showed many excellent results. In Hungary, however, the persecution of Protestants were great. In Denmark, Sweeden, Norway, and Finland, there were not to exceed five-hundred Catholics; but in Sweeden, the Government, influenced by the established Church—which was Lutheran in doctrine and Episcopal in terms—other protestant denominations were much prosecuted. This state of things he was assured, could not last long. In Spain, Spaniards themselves were active in their exertions to spread Protestantism, and he expected to hear good results therefrom. The speaker said that Catholicism was much more liberal, and appeared with much better results, where it had to dispute its ground with Protestantism. In conclusion, he spoke of the importance of the meeting of protestant ministers which he had attended in Paris. One of the questions discussed was that of religious liberty; and all who expressed themselves said that all they desired was to see religious liberty given to all men.

HOW JIM WICKER'S HEAD GOT BALD.—Jim Wicker was a comical looking fellow, with a very young face, but by reason of having no hair, he looked very old from his eyebrows all the way round to the back of his neck. He was very sensitive about the defect, and was somewhat celebrated, from a fight he had with a travelling agriculturist, who, upon being asked by Jim, "what would cause his hair to grow on his shining poll, was advised to cover the top of his head with guano, and plant it down in crab grass." But Jim wouldn't quarrel with Captain Wild, for that gentleman was not only the hoist of the Fairy Queen, but also had the key of all "the refreshments" in his possession; so without hesitation he slightened his auditory after this fashion:

"You see the har always did keep rayther scarce 'bout my scalp, and I was always rubbing in one thing and another to fotch it out, for I was little to be seen above the ground. I'd heard of bar's grease, and bought a gallon in bottles; but I believe it was nothing but hog's lard and mutton taller; so I thought I would have the genuine article, and, I got old Dan to go out and kill something for my special benefit. Dan told me it was out of season; but I believed he was trying to quiz me, and wouldn't take no for an answer. A short hunt fotched a critter at bay, and Dan, by a shot in the vitals, saved the varmint;" but the bar *was* in a bad condition, for he looked as seedy as an old Canada thistle, and he had hardly ile enough in him to keep his jints from squeaking, but what he did have I got, *and used*; and strangers,' said Jim, look sorrowfully round on the company, 'in two days what little har I had commence falling off, and in a week I was as bald as a gun barrel. Dan was right; the varmint was a shedding himself, and had nothing in him but *har shedding ile*, and the consequence is, I can't in the dark tell my head from a dried gourd, if I depend on feelin."

INGENIOUS THEFTS FROM LETTERS.—Robberies of bank notes and securities contained in letters have long been frequent in the post office of Prussia, but it was always easy to see, by the state of the seal or by rents in the paper, that the letters had been opened. Recently, however, several merchants of Berlin received letters which had contained treasury bills, but which bills had been extracted with such skill as to leave not the slightest trace on the letters capable of being detected by the most practised eye. The police, having made investigations, arrested a few days ago a letter-carrier to whom suspicion pointed, and they found on him a large sum of treasury bills, for the possession of which he could not account. He at last confessed that he had taken them from letters; but for a long time he would not say how he had contrived to do so without leaving the slightest trace behind. At length he stated that he had done it by means of a long needle, which he introduced into the letter and stuck into the folds of the thin paper inside. He then turned the needle round and round, carrying the paper with it, until he had brought the whole into the form of a small roll, and then he had no great difficulty in extricating the paper from the letter on the needle. He has been committed for trial.—*Galignani.*

HOUSE-RIPENING PEARS.—Facts were stated by several members corroborating the general opinion among intelligent cultivators on the importance of ripenning most varieties of the pear after gathering. Austin Pinney, of Clarkson, exhibited a dish of finely ripened Bartlett pears, all of them remarkable for a very brilliant red cheek. He remarked that when gathered the red color of those specimens was scarcely perceptible, and that it was mainly owing to maturing them in the dark. This was confirmed by others who had observed similar results. P. Barry has found the Bartlett, even when gathered before fully grown, to ripen well in the dark, and to acquire a flavor fully equal to that attained by specimens gathered later. He had found shallow boxes, containing not more than three layers of the fruit, very convenient for this purpose.— The Temperature should be 50° to 60° for the securing the best quality; if warmer they would mature sooner, but at the expense of flavor.— He regarded the subject as one of great importance, inasmuch as the flavor of winter pears depends still more upon the ripening process. H. E. Hooker had found that caution was needed that the fruit does not receive a taint from the wood of the box or drawer in such close confinement, and that open shelves would be better without this care.—*Country Gentlemen, Sept. 27.*

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