

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

EPHEMERIS.

Detroit is 167 years old. -Joff. Davis is at Havana. -Texas has five million head of cattle. -Lancaster has counterfeited \$3 greenbacks. -P. T. Barnum's mother died on Monday. -One thousand Indians still reside in Massachusetts. -Christopher Columbus' canonization is again agitated. -Strawberries cost ten dollars per quart in Washington City. -The finest private equipage in Troy belongs to John Morrissey. -Bennett declined to preside at the Dickens dinner in New York. -Boston has a Chinese citizen, who was only recently naturalized. -A permanent French theatre is to be established in Philadelphia. -Phoenix T. Barnum is the latest reading of the show man's name. -Wild ducks are abundant in Lancaster county, on the Susquehanna. -A one-armed woman grinds an organ in the streets of New Orleans. -The Governor of Wisconsin has had his salary increased to \$5,000 per annum. -Ole Bull once tried his luck as a manager of an Italian Opera troupe in New York. -Newport anticipates a much fuller season this year than she has had for a long time. -A Cincinnati painter announces that he has a representation of "Death as large as life." -William Cullen Bryant is a Unitarian, and James Gordon Bennett is a Roman Catholic. -What shape should a tea tray be? asks some one. Fun replies a tea-tray-hedron of course. -Newport, (R. I.) was lighted with gas as early as 1813, or sixteen years before New York. -The next international copyright meeting is to be presided over by Henry W. Longfellow. -The New York Mail says that one of the few immortal names not born to die is Anonymous. -Lord Audley has just been married. Whether his new wife has any secret or no, we cannot tell. -The New York Citizen says the cause of the Democratic defeat in New Hampshire was Fenelon. -Steubenville is making itself more attractive by ornamenting its suburbs with artificial lakes. -Westward the course of emigrant trains take their ways through Dubuque, although the winter is barely over. -A young lady named Brose was instantly killed by lightning, at Brookston, Indiana, on Monday morning. -Pretty waiter girl establishments are on the decrease in Broadway. White Fawn has proved too much for them. -When the Pacific Railroad is finished ripe grapes will be sent in large quantities from California as early as June. -Mrs. Kemble (Fanny Kemble) has been reading to large audiences, composed of the very best people, in the Quaker City. -The Great Eastern, idle, costs three thousand dollars a day; busy, she costs more or so her owners have chosen the lesser evil. -The Philadelphia Press has at last arrived at the opinion that Parepa Rosa is a grander finer singer than was Jenny Lind. -A silk neck was the instrument made use of by a Roman Catholic priest in Richmond, Indiana, for the stuffing of his coil mortal. -A wine growing association, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been formed at Sandusky, Ohio, by some of the German residents. -Prof. Morse was recently lionized and made much of in Berlin. He was introduced everywhere as the "Father of the Telegraph." -Pope Pius IX, it is said, once visited Chili and Peru as Nuncio of the Pope Leo XII. His Holiness was then merely an Arch Bishop. -Parton is writing articles on religious bodies for the Atlantic. His genius or what he evidently imagines is genius, seems to be very versatile. -Thomas Dunn English says he wrote "Ben Bolt." Nobody denies it, but he thinks his pet song has as much right to notoriety as anybody else's. -A self running washing and clothes boiling machine has been invented. No labor is required, and it is called the "Washerwoman's Millenium." -We wish to make an original remark. Wonders will never cease! The cause of this remark is the announcement that Hong Kong is to have a season of Italian Opera. -Harry Gray, the actor, is now in Cincinnati. He intends to drive from the Suspension bridge into the Ohio river some day this week. He will have rather a cold plunge bath. -Doolittle, Montgomery Blair, H. Clay Dean and Channey Burr have promised to stamp Connecticut for the Democrats, judging by their effect on New Hampshire, we are glad of it. -Brooklyn wants a bridge to New York city, but can't get it. On Monday the city and river were masked with a thick fog, and communication between the cities was almost suspended. -Dr. Doremus, the renowned chemist, has after a critical examination, declared that the Stafford pavement is certainly the healthiest and ought to be among the most durable of pavements. -Frank Mordant was discharged from a leading theatre in Philadelphia, because he appeared on the stage drunk. He has asked the management for the balance of his salary, and testifies that the character which he represented was "Bill Bikes," a drunken rascal who was justified in indulging in the drink before attempting it. This is a

strange defence, and we believe that most audiences will object to having the rage for realism carried so far. -Risley, the original importer of Japanese shows, has just arrived in New York from Europe, and is going to produce a show piece on the grandest scale ever witnessed in America. -Sandwich Islanders are pleased with the United States. Since Mr. Seward has developed an acute mania for doing a land office business, islanders of all sorts have cast loving eyes on the American continent. -A very brilliant meteor recently burst over Poland, and showered its brilliant pieces on that politically unhappy land. Many of these pieces have been collected and deposited at the National Museum at Warsaw. -The famine in East Prussia is frightful. The King is blamed and execrated, and Prussia, so vain glorious since the turf of Sadowa was drenched in Austrian blood, is said to be on the verge of a bloody revolution.

Stories About Homely Singers. (From the New York Evening Post.) It is undisputed that Americans, if not so well versed in art, know very well what to admire in nature. They are often more unforgetting to a public performer, who lacks grace or beauty than to those who show a want of talent. Some years ago a piano-forte player came from Europe with numerous influential letters, one of which was directed to one of the kindest and best men in the profession. He received the new comer with great courtesy, asked him to play, and was delighted with him as an artist, but felt compelled to deal candidly with him. He therefore advised him not to think of remaining in the United States. "Why?" said the artist; "tell me why." "I dare not do so," was the reply. "I must know," said the artist. "As a public performer, you are the rejoinder, your personal appearance is against you, and it would be still worse for you if you desire to teach." "Am I ugly?" said the poor artist. "Very," said the gentleman; "you have coarse red hair, and that's enough! - Americans hate red hair; then you have dark brown freckles on your face and hands; your skin is dead pale, and your nose turns up a defect never forgiven in a man here." The artist went to Canada. As a set-off to this story, an incident that occurred in Italy some years ago may be mentioned. A tenor made his appearance at the first theatre in the town, and was cast in the part of Pollio in the opera of "Norma." As he walked down the stage, he was saluted by derisive cries of "Go home; you won't have you here; oh! he's on!" He stood quietly looking at the audience until he found a hearing. His appearance was unprepossessing - a little humped back man, wearing a huge Roman helmet which fell upon his shoulders, and seemed to cover one half of his plump body. Raising his hand to indicate that he desired to speak, he finally quieted the noisy crowd, and said: "It is true, Nature has been very niggardly to me in gifts of outward beauty, but in compensation, she has bestowed on me the glorious gift of voice and musical comprehension. Will you hear what Nature has done for me?" The house answered with one voice, "Yes!" -yes, the orchestra began at the scene where Pollio enters with Flavio. The latter had been so frightened at the noise, he walked to the side scenes, but now came forward to the side scenes, but now came forward to indicate that he desired to speak, he finally quieted the noisy crowd, and said: "It is true, Nature has been very niggardly to me in gifts of outward beauty, but in compensation, she has bestowed on me the glorious gift of voice and musical comprehension. Will you hear what Nature has done for me?"

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Calling Time. The English are great on the science of conducting deliberative assemblies, and indeed the world owes to them pretty much all the regulations for parliamentary practice it has ever had. They have introduced a new and most excellent idea over there which some of our public meetings, and perhaps even our legislative bodies, might adopt with profit. At the late London conference with workmen on the subject of their non-attendance at public worship, the meeting was organized with an extra officer, whom we may call the chronologist. The gentleman and two sand glasses stood him, with which he continually measured the flow of words from the different speakers. At the end of the ninth minute he struck a little bell once; at the end of the tenth the speaker had not subsided, he struck it twice, and down dropped the orator. The way in which this proceeding cuts off introductions, perorations, and round oratory in general, was marvellous. Speakers had to bemoan or say nothing.

Fish Culture. The New England States have united in the attempt to restrict their rivers with fish. Owing to obstructions made by dams, fish, which formerly were plentiful, have been prevented from ascending to the upper waters of the streams to deposit their spawn. As they always return to the locality where they were born, it would do no good to remove the dams. To meet these difficulties the spawn is now introduced into the upper waters by species of artificial process, invented by Seth Green and that the fish may return, after being grown, to their native grounds the next year, fish-ways are built over the dams, by which they can ascend in their journey from the sea to their spawning beds, and they can thus carry on and perpetuate the enterprise. Meanwhile, proper laws for protecting the works, and in particular to prevent the ravages of sportmen, are enacted, and it may be expected that the excellent penitentiaries will be visited upon whomsoever shall be convicted. -New York Tribune.

Mr. Hinton announces that "Walt Whitman" has nearly completed a final edition of his poems. This edition, it is stated, is "in better consecutive order," with many new pieces, and especially with a new part or collection, in which he has precisely "scrubbed out" a long established design of depicting the religious element in the character and personality which is considered by him necessary to the completeness of his work.

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