

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

AUTUMN'S LATEST HOUR.

Autumn stands ready to bid adieu to the hand and the foot. The air is cool and crisp, and the leaves are falling. The garden is a mass of gold and red, and the trees are bare.

The nights are bitter and black. The wind whistles through the trees, and the leaves are scattered all about. The sun is low in the sky, and the days are short.

EPHEMERIS.

- Blind Tom is in Philadelphia. Peter Parley's widow is dead. The Hanlons are at Cleveland. Bismarck has started a paper mill. Houses are said to be scarce in Virginia. There are now two Colfaxes in the field. Prince Napoleon has gone to London. Ruby is the fashionable color this winter. Governor Crago, of Michigan, is again very ill. A negro fire company is in Mason, Ga., newly. Virginia, Ill., had a lunar rainbow the other night. A fretful porcupine has been captured in Connecticut. Miss Braddon has joined the staff of the Saturday Review. Miss McVicker is playing with Booth again in Chicago. Haaselt and Falstaff are to be in Cincinnati next week. Venison and beafare are the same price at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Yallandigham is understood to have sold out his newspaper. The new Niagara suspension bridge is to be opened this month. The masterhorn has been ascended seven times this summer. Rev. Stephen H. Tyng is to lecture in Cincinnati on Wednesday. Washington houses are beginning to prepare for the new season. Greenbacks are very scarce in San Francisco, but gold is plenty. Col. Fitzgerald has actually written still another sensation drama. The brother of the late King of Siam will probably be his successor. Max Strakosch is to bring Carlotta Patti back to this country next winter. People are married in New York at the rate of one pair and a half per hour. Popular libraries are to be established at Madrid and throughout the Peninsula. American rifles are very popular in Cuba, both with soldiers and the insurgents. Victor Emmanuel has sent one of his nephews to England to be educated at Harrow. Charles Scribner & Co. will hereafter be the publishers of the Princeton Review. Governor Hoffman has selected two houses in Albany for his gubernatorial residence. A Democratic exchange says Grant's Secretary is in Budeau-dor with the office seekers. Barbers in Knoxville have to pay five dollars to the city for shaving a man on Sunday. Newton, Mass., had a pear tree planted in 1650, and it has had a fine crop of fruit this year. Mrs. Scott Siddons is to be one of the star stock company at Edwin Booth's theatre in New York. San Francisco dreams of a submarine cable to Hong Kong. Earthquakes must be abolished first. The personal fortune of Queen Isabella is only \$4,000,000, so she will be unable to live in royal style. The Navy Department, it is said, is about to publish an account of Admiral Farragut's late cruise. One hundred and twenty-three miles in twenty-four hours is a recent feat of a Parisian velocipedian. Twelve inspectors in the Philadelphia Custom House have been dismissed by order of Secretary McCulloch. The knee-plush ultra—the knee-breeches worn by the footmen of some of our "fine new aristocracy."—N. Y. Sunday Times. The Papal Nuncio at Madrid is said to have acknowledged that by the revolution in Spain, Rome will lose \$6,400,000 a year. Torchlight fishing is said to be successful in Massachusetts. This is one way in which the recent political torches can be put to further use. Pollard, who writes often for the Pittsburgh Mail, has an article in Putnam's December Magazine, which perhaps he printed without writing. Rev. Mr. Ward, of New York, denounces piano music as "blasphemous." What must he think of the music of a "double bass."—Boston Post. The London police have collected some thousands of children's hoops under a new regulation which confiscates all of those articles trundled in the street. The Chicago Republic says "growth costs something, whether it be in new trousers for budding urchins, or new acres and

square, equipped with city improvements for a growing city.

The dramatic critic of the Philadelphia Bulletin prefers Booth's Richelieu to that of Forrest. We should think it showed signs of a weak intellect if he didn't. Sir Samuel Baker, the great explorer, is to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales on a journey up the Nile to the second cataract, and thence down again. It has been found out that the keeper of the New Jersey State Prison has a pleasant way of punishing inpatient prisoners by chaining their heads to the floor. The Princess of Prussia, who is the oldest daughter of Queen Victoria, has six children, the youngest is six months old, the next eighteen months. She was married in 1877. Cabinet makers are very busy with General Grant, now. Governor Stevenson, of West Virginia, ought to try his hand at it, for he was an excellent cabinet maker when he lived in Pittsburgh. The Council of State of the Canton of Olwald, Switzerland, has forbidden all persons under eighteen years of age to smoke. A heavy fine is the penalty for the non-observance of this law. A little boy of thirteen, having placed a penny on the railway track at Brunswick, Maine, to see the locomotive crush it, one of the train hands threw a stick of wood at him and he was instantly killed. Gen. Sickles, previous to the election, wrote to a gentleman in Ohio, "Do not regard me as a rash man when I tell you that New York is as sure for Grant as Ohio." The General missed his guess that time. The Stafford pavement is being put down on Wall street, New York. As it is said to be a great improvement on all other wooden pavements, it might be well for Pittsburgh authorities to try it the next new pavement they contract for. Cincinnati and Chicago are squabbling about their size; each one wants to be the big dog with the brass collar, and Chicago says if Cincinnati can count in Covington and Newport, across the river, Chicago can count in St. Josephs, across lake Michigan. The Merchant Navy of Italy is increasing. In 1893 the number of Italian seamen enrolled reached 155,000; in 1897 this total had increased to 169,000. During the same period the number of merchant ships had been increased by 83 vessels, with a tonnage of 55,000. The fall of a shelf in the Frankfort library brought to light certain MSS., yellow and dirty, which turned out to be a series of letters exchanged between Voltaire and Piron. Their authenticity being duly certified, they were forwarded to the Royal Academy of Berlin. The foreign journals state that the English squadron, commanded by Lord Clarence Paget, recently cast anchor in Maddalena Roads, on the coast of Sardinia, and that Lord Clarence Paget paid a visit to General Garibaldi, at Caprera, who received him with great cordiality. Canadian Presbyterians are still agonizing over the church organ question. The majority, however, oppose the introduction of that instrument into their places of worship, perhaps going on the principle that they have wind enough in the pulpit without bringing in bellows. The Surgeon General of the United States Army reports the whole number of deaths among the white troops during the year at 1,855, and among the colored troops 238. The expenses of the department were \$1,750,000. The Medical Museum at Washington is becoming a very valuable source of information. An advertisement in the London Times seriously announces a new song, with the modest request, "Oh, give me back but yesterday!" A companion to the above, "Oh, could you spare to-morrow," is in preparation, to be afterwards followed by the sequel lyric of "You haven't got such a thing as next week about you, have you?" A model office-holder is the royal Duke of Cambridge in England. He receives thirty-five dollars a day as commander-in-chief, eighty dollars as General, and nearly thirty-three dollars per day for holding four Colonels' commissions. Besides this, sixty-four thousand dollars a year official income he has a private fortune of sixty thousand dollars a year. An one act opera, written by Gluck upon the occasion of the marriage of Marie Antoinette with the Dauphin, afterwards Louis XVI., performed at Versailles but never in public, is to be produced now at Prague. The unfortunate Queen gave it as a souvenir to one of the emigrant families through whom it came into the possession of a noble German family who still possess it. In 1860 there were in Spain 880 convents, with 12,900 nuns, drawing a pension of nearly nine millions of reals, and 2,174 male officials who used up about four millions of reals more. Since 1860, this number and the pensions have increased immensely, and the new Spanish government, by its suppression and secularization of the convents has not only gained a great deal of property, but has stopped up an immense hole in the Treasury. A score of those terrible shocking scenes at the gallows was witnessed at the execution of Rufus B. Anderson in Nevada. The usual crowd surrounded the gallows, and the usual military force and attendant clergymen had been employed. After prayer on the platform the prisoner calmly addressed the spectators. Having finished, he stepped forward to the railing, and requested that the Deputy Sheriff should put the noose around his neck, and then shook hands with those on the platform. He then took his position on the trap, and his hands and feet were bound, and the noose was slipped over his head, and the cap drawn over his face. At the signal the trap fell, and the wretched young man lay stretched on the ground, the knot having given way. There was a wild cry and a rush forward of the crowd, but the people were kept back by the guard. Anderson was carried on the platform, and the noose again adjusted around his neck, and the trap fell. The knot gave way again, and Anderson was prostrated insensible. He was carried up the steps of the platform and seated in a chair, his face wearing the pallor of the grave, from which he had been twice snatched. The rope was adjusted the third time. As the trap fell he swung free, and after a slight muscular movement for several minutes, all was over.

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