The Pittsburgh Gazette.

EPHEMERIS.

—Lotta laughs and lingers in Chicago.

—Newark, N. J., longs for a huge hotel.

—The final state of the poll—baldness.—*Judy.*

—Wild cats worry worthy Canadian woodmen.

—England depends on Bombay for some of her hay.

—Mr. Beecher's church possesses three deaconesses.

—In Chisago Parepa had an audience of three thousand.

—In Texas pork costs six cents a pound more than beef.

—Portsmouth, N. H., has a pumpkin pie nine feet in diameter.

—The greatest marriage settlement in the world—Utah.—*Judy.*

—$4,000,000 is the amount of legacy tax on Rothschild's estate.

—There is, in France, one lunatic to every four hundred sane men.

—Tusk-hoister is the Chicago name for a professor of toothology.

—Madeline Jennings-nèe Henriques is about to return to the stage.

—Chicago pork-packers cut up the porcine victims with circular saws.

—The new buildings of the Park Bank, in New York, cost $1,250,000.

—$200,000 worth of pork is pickled daily during the season in Cincinnati.

—Victor Emanuel is the royal personage who now suffers from rheumatism.

—A charming young negress is one of the newest Parisian theatrical stars.

—At the inebriate asylum in Boston drunkards are reformed at $40 apiece.

—When a man has *looked around*, can he be said to have had a circular saw?

—Doré has drawn a portrait in black and blue crayon of Rossini in his coffin.

—Snails cooked in their shells are said to taste very like clams, but are not so tough.

—Fernando Wood's autograph sold for ten whole cents in New York the other day.

—In his new series of readings in London Dickens dilates on the death of Nancy and Sykes.

—Ex-President Pierce is again seriously ill. This is an event of importance—to Mr. Pierce.

—An exchange says the greatest novelty is a seal ring with a portrait of the owner in cameo.

—A New York paper says: "Grecian architecture—the stoops that ladies use at present."

—The Lowell *Courier* thinks the reason why "murder will out" is because "blood will tell."

—Matilda Herron is to deliver the inaugural address on the opening, as a theatre, of Tammany Hall.

—Some sanguinary mortal in Savannah is building a house the mortar of which is mixed with blood.

—E. L. Davenport is playing in Rhode Island, where he has had $7,500 worth of jewelry stolen from him.

—Tommy is dead. Tommy was a Japaknee who came to America some years ago with Commodore Perry.

—Mrs. D. P. Bowers is playing Leah in Philadelphia. Mr. Edwin Forrest is playing Lear some place else.

—There is said to be a mental telegraph now at work between New York and Louisville, managed by spiritualists.

—Mrs. Emma Waller, one of the tragedy queens of the past, is again on the war trail, being now playing in Canada.

—Private theatricals are at present peculiarly popular with the prominent people of Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

—Fine large brook trout caught in the bounding brooks of the Rocky Mountains grace the tables of Chicagoan epicures.

—M. Berryer, the great Freinch lawyer, died without a single decoration, as he always refused to accept such vanities.

—Out in the wild West, Vigilant Committees hang Mayors. He of Laramie received that sort of attention the other day.

—$3,000,000 worth of new buildings have been put up in New Haven, which styles itself the business centre of Connecticut.

—"My immortal" is a sweet pet name, and so much less common than my pet, or my darling. Rossini was called that by his wife.

—All of Baron Von Beust's decorations which were stolen from his house during his absence, were found in a pawn-broker's shop.

—After all her wanderings in India, China, Japan and Australia, Madame Anna Bishop is going to settle down in New York.

—A man in Stamford, Connecticut, having lost both hands and one foot; would be glad to have a velocipede which he could propel.

—The Emperor of Russia and the family of the King of Saxony are all very fond of reading American books and books about America.

—Petroleum V. Nasby will lecture in Philadelphia on Wednesday for the benefit of the widows and orphans fund of a post of the G. A. R.

—Chicago calls New York an eastern frontier city, and Philadelphia replies that New York is merely a station between the Quaker City and Boston.

—A young lady who saw a steam fire-engine in Boston on Saturday, for the first time, innocently inquired why they boiled the water before they threw it on the fire.

—Gustave Dore, on the day of the Empress's *fete*, offered an exquisite pen-and-ink sketch drawn on wood to the Empress, and a copy of his "Purgatoire" *avant la lettre*, to His Majesty.

—Putnam county, Ohio, is an extravagant place. The authorities have rashly gone to the expense of building a gaol and then have for six months had no one in it but the gaoler.

—Philadelphia may be the City of Brotherly Love, but after considering the case of the Twitchells, who recently murdered their mother, we are forced to doubt if it can be called the City of Filial Affection.

—A german in Quincy, Illinois, although he lacks a strawberry mark on his left arm, possesses a blood mark on his cheek shaped like a deer. Happy man thus always to have his *deer* pressing his cheek.

—Maryland farmers are, many of them, abandonding the culture of the peach, whose yield is uncertain, and have undertaken the raising of strawberries and potatoes, which are more reliable and profitable.

—Robert Bonner, who seems to be very recklessly disposing of the contents of his stables, gave Dr. McCosh a horse worth $1,500, and now the the valuable equine quadruped has been stolen from the learned President of Princeton.

—We thought English was well stretched when the word velocipedestrians was made for the benefit of riders on that instrument; but some one has found a name for the teachers of the art of velocipedestrianism, who he calls velocipedagogues.

—Baron Rothschild left an annuity of 2,500 francs to every clerk who had been ten years in his service. This benevolent action must have been particularly aggravating to those clerks who had been but nine years and a half employed by him.

—A couple of Houston negroes got into a quarrel over cards, and one chased the other into the bayou, where he was drowned. Now there arises the interesting question whether it is murder. Probably nothing but momentary insanity.—[*Boston Post.*

—Carl Benson being challenged to make a rhyme for velocipede, got off this impromptu:

"There was a man on a velocipede,
Who said I need not give my hoss a feed:
Without oats or hay
He will go all the day.
It's a cheap thing to keep a velocipede."

—"Heller, the magician," perpetrated, not long ago, the following sarcasm on his competitor, Prof. Anderson:

"Shakespeare wrote well,
And Dickens wrote Weller;
Anderson is hell,
And I am Heller."

—On Friday night a grand concert in aid of the Lincoln Institute, a school for soldiers orphan sons, was given in Philadelphia, by Misses Kellogg, Alida Topp and others. In addition to her free professional services at the concert, Miss Clara Louise Kellogg presented the Institute with $250 in cash.

—The following is the territorial extent in square miles of several cities in the Union; New York City, 22; Philadelphia, 126½; Buffalo, 37; Pittsburgh, 24; Louisville, 12 3-10; Chicago, 23¾; Brooklyn, 25; Cincinnati, 7. It is proposed to enlarge Cincinnati.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

—The Philadelphia *Ledger* of the 18th inst., says: During the past week the following vessels cleared from this port with petroleum: Brig Marianna, for Lisbon, with 88,773 gallons; brig S. W. Welsh, for Trieste, with 101,546 do.; bark Baras, for Cork, with 134,991 do.; bark Valkyna, for Antwerp, with 201,654 do.; bark Volkynia, for Marseilles, with 96,335 do., making a total of 737,879 gallons for the week, and 37,938,583 since the first of January, 1868, being an increase of 9,789,911 gallons as compared with the same period in 1867.

A New Propelling Power.

The Missouri *Democrat* has the subjoined sketch of the new Hunter propeller:

The peculiarity of this invention consists in the paddle, which is composed of a number of steel floats arranged in a strong iron chamber. This frame is firmly bolted to a vertical shaft or beam which is keyed in an axis placed near its upper end. On the centre of the axis a bell crank is keyed, and to this the piston rod of the engine is adjusted.

On operating the engine the shaft is caused to oscillate, which carries the paddle backwards and forward in the line of the vessel's motion. In passing forward all the floats open by self-action, thereby avoiding all resistence, while in passing backwards they instantly close, thereby obtaining the greatest possible resistance from the water.

The cylinder is very short—a foot or fifteen inches being deemed sufficient for the largest vessels. The travel of the piston through 12 or 15 inches would give a propelling stroke varying according to the length of the paddle shaft, of from 10 to 20 feet. The shortness of the cylinder permits great rapidity of the stroke—150 complete propelling strokes per minute being readily obtained from any good engine.

The larger the vessel the greater would be the length of the propeller shaft, and consequently the greater the mechanical advantage given to the water. This leverage principle is seen in its greatest perfection in the ordinary oar—a long tapering oar has no perceptible slip—it holds in the water as against a fixed body, and all power expended by the oarsman goes to propel the boat. Dr. Hunter's paddle acts precisely on this oar principle. There is no displacement of water. It does not travel backwards, but merely holds against the water, so that the entire power of the engine goes on the boat in the line of its motion, and with less friction and loss of power than in the ordinary wheel or screw.

We do not see why it should not be applicable to boats and barges on the Mississippi: It can be placed in the stern, where it is perfectly guarded, and it is said to work perfectly, even in dead water.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* says: "We have on various occasions called the attention of our readers to the intimate relation between the climatology of a country and its forests, showing that as the latter are cut away the amount of rain decreases. An interesting instance of the converse of this proposition has just been announced in connection with the climate of Egypt. For a long time, as it is well known, rain has never fallen in Upper Egypt at all, and in the Delta only on five or six days in the year. Some years ago, however, Mehemet Ali planted twenty millions of trees on the Delta, and they have now attained a considerable size. The result is that the number of rainy days has gradually increased from five or six every year to forty, with the prospect of attaining a still greater proportion hereafter.

Women have no greater weakness for dress than men. Any opinion to the contrary is founded on the fact that the dress of women is more demonstrative and showy. This, however, does not involve a greater expenditure. A man sees the last of a one hundred dollar bill in getting a suit of clothes; a woman spends fifty dollars, and is accused of indefensible extravagance. Of ten men and ten women, taken in the street as they come, it will be found that the men spend two dollars to every one of the women. Of course a majority of the men won't admit this; but it is truth, nevertheless.—*Boston Post.*

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