The Nittsburgh Guzette.

HOLLY TIME. The wood is barren as the wold.

The leaves have rusted long ago;
The flowers have periciped of the cold.—
Not even the het marigold
Offers her bessin to the snow
In helly time.

The wind read out the empty mest,
The robin shivers in his sour.
There is n. warmth in Na. Re's breast;
There is n. warmth in Sa. Re's breast;
Tan t glesms of brightness, at the best,
Tan glesms of the year prolong
In healy time.

Yet sweet as days when skies are nine, And cherries redden on the wall.— When blossoms, fed with sun and dew, Their beauty stiently renew.— Yea, sweeter, more desired of all In holly time.

For now, as if the Incarnate Word,
Walked it again, the st-rile earth,
Remember ag the yead tidings heard
Uf angels to its heart is stirred
With promptings of renewing birth.
This he ly time. Joy in life's pulses throbs and burns,
The II surs, star-created, sweep along,
Phedding delight from brimming urns;
Youth to the heart of age returns,
And fars the ashen brands of song
At holly time.

The sacred hearths whence rule flames rise,
Are alters whereon, each apart,
The households ofer sacrifice,
out of the tender sanctites
And superstitions of the heart,
This holly time.

Thus do celestial glimples bless
The stricken world, as though its woes,
Its sins, its serrows fathomiess,
Had ending, and the widerness
Began to blessem like the rose
Began two blessem like the rose
WILLIAM SAWYER.

Gems of Thought.

Dr. Johnson used to say "he who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do any." All good principles must stagnate with-

out mental activity. If industry is no more than habit, it is at least an excellent one. Riches got by fraud are dug out of one's own heart, and destroy the mind.

Riches got by deceit cheat no man so much as the getter. Let our repentance be a lively will, a firm resolution. Complaints and mourning over past errors avail nothing.

Introduce changes in your reading and studies. Who reads but little at a time retains that little better. When the heart is pure there is hardly anything which can mislead the understanding in matters of immediate personal con-

Unjust riches curse the owner in getting, in keeping and in transmitting. They curse his children in their father's memory.

There is a certain softness of manner which, in either man or woman, adds a charm that almost entirely compensates for

lack of beauty. There are a thousand pretty, engaging little ways which every person may put on without being deemed either affected or

How often do we sigh for opportunities | body was burned about half a of doing good, while we neglect the openings of Providence in little things, which

doing right, than to do right without thinking right. Just thoughts may, and often do, fall of producing just deeds; but just deeds

are sure to beget just thoughts.

No child possessed of ordinary capacity is destitute of curiosity. The process of popular education has, we doubt not, in many instances, so deadened this desire, that many a "mute and inglorious Milton" sleeps in the multitude of common men.

treat the humblest menial with courtesy as them, and behind them a desolate wilder-ness; yes, and nothing shall escape them." affluence and honor. So shall we transfuse in them a corresponding refinement, which will tend eventually, perhaps, to make them purer in morals and more elevated in

not merely of uneasiness, but withal of fret-fulness, malevolence and the whole host of evil passions. The phrase "aching void," evil passions. The phrase "aching void," may be ridiculous to those who criticise grammatically, but is true to those who feel humanly. To supply this void is an object, and moreover a certain effect, of a regular and sustained and judicious method of self-instruction. The used key is bright. If the steel be wrought up and refined to a high temper, the cloudiness of the vapor will perish from it almost at the instant that i t is breathed upon it,

The Dead Sea of Mono. The Austin, (Nev.) Reveille of November

14th, has the following:

There are many things in the Great Ba-sin, or along its rim, which excites the in-terest of travelers. A correspondent asks us to tell him "whether Mono Lake is actually the 'dead sea' it is represented to be. I am told that its bitter waters are fatal to all living things. If you can, will you please say something about that singular body of water?" We gather from the "Report on the Mineral Resources of the States and Territories west of the Rocky Mountains," that Mono Lake lies ten miles southwest of the dividing line between California and Nevada, and is about fourteen miles long and nine wide. It has never been sounded, but a trial is said to have been made with a line of three hundred feet which failed to reach bottom. By chemical analysis a gallon of the water weighing eight pounds was found to contain twelve hundred grains of solid matter, consisting principally of chloride of sodium, carbonate of of chioride of soda, borax and silicia.

These substances render the water so acrid and nauseating that it is unfit for drinking or even bathing. Leather immersed in it is soon destroyed by its corrosive properties, and no animal, not even a fish or a frog, can exist in the water for more than a short time. The only thing able to live within or upon the waters of this lake is a species of fly, which, springing from larvae bred in its bosom, after an ephemeral life dies, and, collecting on the surface is drifted to the shore, where the remains collect in vast quantities, and are fed upon by the ducks or gathered by the Indians, with whem they are a staple article of food. Nesting under the eastern water-shed of the Siears, Mono Lake receives several considerable tributaries; and, although destitute of any outlet, such is the aridity of the atmosphere that it is always kept at nearly a uniform level by the process of evaporation. So dense and sluggish is the water rendered through supersaturation with various salts and other foreign matters, that only the strongest winds raise a ripple on its surface. As the Sierra in this neighborhood reaches nearly its greatest sititude, the scenery about Mono Take is varied and majestic, some parts of Lake is varied and majestic, some parts of it being at the same time marked by a most cheerless and desolate aspect. The bitter and fatal waters of this lake render it liter-

were shot by their enemies, who left them in the water. In the course of a few weeks not a vestige of their bodies was to be seen, even the bones having been decomposed by this powerful solvent. Mineral curiosities abound in the neighborhood of Mono lake, among which are numberless depositions in the shape of tiny pine trees.

Mark Twain's Visit to Gen. Grant. Mark Twain went to see Gen. Grant on his return to Washington the other day, and

this is what Mark writes about it: "I had said to him: 'Sir, what do you propose to do about returning to a specie basia?' To which he made no audible reply. Then I said: 'Sir, do you mean to stop the whisky frauds, or do you mean to connive at them? To which he replied as before. I now said: Do you intend to do straightforwardly and unostentatiously what every true, high minded Democrat has a right to expect you to do, or will you, with unaccustomed obstinacy, do otherwise and thus, by your own act, compel them to resort to assassination? To which he replied: 'Let us have peace.' 1 continued Sir, shall you insist supon stopping blood-shed at the South, in plain opposition to the Southern will, or shall you generously permit a brave, but unfortunate people to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences! No reply. 'Sir, do you comprehend that you are not the President of a party? -that you were not elected by your own strength, but by the weakness of the opposition? That, consequently, the Democrats claim you, and justly and righteously expect you to administer the Government from a Democratic point of view?' Riotous silence. 'Sir, who

is to report the customary, neces-sary, coherent and instructive interviews with the President, -Mack, of the Enquirer, J. B. S., of the World, or myself, of the Tribunc? General Grant said: Let us have peace!' I resumed: 'Sir, do you propose to exterminate the Indians suddenly, with soap and education, or doom them to the eternal annoyance of warfare, relieved only by periodical pleasantries of glass beads and perishable treaties? No response. 'Sir, as each section of the Pacific Railroad is finished, are you going to make the compa-nies spike down their rails before you pay? Which is to say, are you going to be a de-liberate tyrant? A silence undistinguisha-ble from the preceding was the only re-'Sir, have you got your Cabinet sponse. 'Sir, have you got your Cabinet all set? What are you going to do with those Blairs?' 'Let us have peace!' 'Sir, do you comprehend who it is that is conversing with you? 'Peace!' 'Sir, am I to have Nasby's postoffice, or —' 'Go to the—mischief! I have a thousand of your kind around me every day. Questions, questions questions! If you must ask questions, follow Fitch, and inquire after the

Eric rolling mill—you'll have steady employment. I can't stand it, and I won't stand it-I will have peace. THE remains of William Garvin, of Lou-Guard against reading too much or too Guard against reading too much or too rapidly. Read rather with attention; lay the book often down; impress on your mind what you have read and reflect upon it.

Weigh every step that you are about to take, whenever passions become involved. How often do things assume a different aspect when they are fairly considered:

The remains of William Garvin, of Lou-isville, who was lost in the awful steamboat disaster on the Ohio, on the night of December 4th, were found and identified on Thurster 4th, wer first legible words were in the first verse of the second chapter of Joel, viz: "Blow ye would frequently lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness.

It is much easier to think right without of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh; for it is nigh at hand." The second cometh; for it is nigh at hand." The second and third verses are even more significant than the first. They read: "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been the like, neither about the property against the property of the pro shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations." "A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burn. eth; the land is as the garden of Eden before

suggestive coincidence than this. THE San Francisco Call contains the fol aind.

Note that the parent lowing statement: "General George B.

McClellan has been heard from. He defested, and while he would wish to do all in his power toward furthering the interests of the university, the smallness of the salary attached to the office of President compels him to decline the position. General Mc-Clellan holds positions at present which give him from fifteen to eighteen thousand iollars a year income."

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de33;b87 OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,
ALLEGERY CITY, Dec. 19th, 1868.

NOTICE.—Assessments for the
GRADING and PAYING of FAYETTE STREET. from Bidwell to Fulton streets.

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CHAS. DAVIS, City Engineer. OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,
Allegheny City, Dec. 17, 1868.

NOTICE.—The Assessments for
Grading and Paving

SHIELDS STREET,

RIVER AVENUE. late Bank lane, from Union alley to McFaddes street; also for Grading and Paving of McFADDEN STREET, from Biver avenue to West Pennsylvania Railroad both in the Eighth Ward, are now ready for exami nation, and can be seen at this office till Friday, December 25th, 1868,

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J. S. SIAGLE, City Attorney.
Pittsburgh, December 5th, 1868.

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H. J. MOORE, Gity Engliseer. OFFICE OF CITY ENGINER AND SUZVETOR, Pittsburgh, Dec. 19, 1868. {

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