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BANK NOTE TABLE.

Table listing bank notes from various banks including Bank of Philadelphia, Bank of New York, etc.

A CALL TO HOUSEKEEPERS AT THE CABINET WARE ROOM OF SEB'S HOUP & CO.

Thankful for the patronage of his friends and customers during the 17 years he has been in business...

REFORM YOUR HABITS.

Come ye, with garments pure and snowy, Ye lockers, washers and linens clean...

TAILORING BUSINESS.

His shop is a new building in Fawn street below Weaver's Hotel.

EDWIN HALL,

RESPECTFULLY informs his old friends and customers, as well as the public generally...

SELECT POETRY.

THE MINER'S DREAM.

The following very clever verses are taken from the Boston Post:

He saw the noble palace of gold Which the ancient Spaniards sought...

On a glittering throne the Inca sat, (Of solid gold 'twas builded)...

And the golden thread grew in the brakes— Goldfishes twittered in all the trees...

Now over his dream a change hath come; The fields are rocky and bare...

He walks by the run at Seymour's pond, Where he hunted the pickerel in...

Hurrah! Point Rocks! the ocean shore, And the marching tidals deploy...

That thrilled him when a boy, Now the school-house, red, with its hopper roof...

And its dust, and noise, and fun, And the ferule's whisk, and the sharp reproof...

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And when in dreams he had ceased to roam, And waked by the Yuba river...

Why change the treasures of the heart For glittering lumps like these?

P. S.—He brought the lumps with him.

A Clever Sketch.

WHAT I SAW ONE MORNING IN INDIA.

In the year 1846, I commanded a small detachment of navy infantry at Condapilly...

It was a mungoo! And now, indeed, a combat took place which fixed me to the spot in true admiration...

As I held out my hand, actually believing in the enthusiasm of the moment, that it would approach to receive my caresses...

I had forgotten the poor monkey, I found it stretched out, stiff and stark, among the datara flowers...

A man dropped a dollar bill upon the track, in Norway, the other day, as a train was approaching...

The Free School Question is again to be submitted to the decision of the votes of the State of New York...

HIGH-HEELED SHOES.

FROM THE LONDON "LADY'S NEWSPAPER."

A celebrated French writer has, with a gallant and commendable enthusiasm, remarked that "he who is struck with the diamonds which bedizen a beautiful woman..."

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The following is taken from a work of Eugene Regault, entitled, "The Criminal History of the English Government."

It will be seen, that when the English Aristocrats found it impossible to carry on the war and to conquer the Americans by what is generally called the arts of honorable warfare, they privately bribed the Indian savages to murder, by every means in their power, as many Americans as possible, and actually engaged to give them so much for every American scalp—The following is a letter sent by Capt. Crawford to Col. Halidman, the British Governor of Canada, accompanying eight packs of scalps:

"May it please your excellency, at the request of the Seneca Chiefs, I send, herewith, to your excellency, under care of James Boyd, eight packs of scalps, cured and dried, hooped and painted with all the Indian triumphant marks, of which the following is invoice and explanation:

1. Containing forty-three scalps of Congress soldiers, killed in different skirmishes; four inches in diameter; the inside of the skin is painted red, with a small black spot to denote their being killed with bullets; Also, sixty-two of farmers, killed in their houses, the skin painted brown, marked with a hoe; a black circle all round, to denote their being surprised in the night, and a black hatchet in the middle, signifying their being killed by that weapon.

2. Containing ninety-eight farmers killed in their houses; hoops red; figure of a hoe to mark their profession; great white circles and sun, to show they were surprised in the day time; a little red foot, to show they stood upon their defense, and died fighting for their lives.

3. Containing ninety-seven farmers, hoops green, to show that they were killed in their fields; a large white circle, with round marks in it for the sun, to show that it was in the day time; black bullet mark on some—hatchet on others.

4. Containing one hundred and two of farmers, mixed of the several marks above, only eighteen marked with a little yellow flame, to denote their being scalped, their nails pulled out by the roots, and other torments; one of these latter is supposed to be a rebel clergyman, his hand being fixed to the hoop of his scalp. Most of the farmers appear by the hair to have been young or middle aged men; there being but sixty-seven very grey heads among them all, which makes the service the more essential.

5. Containing eighty-eight scalps of women; hair long, and braided in the Indian fashion; to show they were mothers; hoops blue, skin yellow ground with little red tadpoles, to represent by way of triumph, the tears of grief occasioned to their relations; a black scalping knife or hatchet at the bottom to mark their being killed with those instruments; sixteen others, hair very gray, black hoops, plain brown color, to mark but the short club, or ca-se-to-tee, to show they were knocked down dead, or had their brains beat out.

6. Containing one hundred and ninety-three boys' scalps, of various ages; small green hoops, whitish ground on the skin, with red tears in the middle, and black bullet marks; knife, hatchet or club, as their deaths happened.

7. Two hundred and eleven girls scalped big and little; small yellow hoops, white ground; tears, hatchet, club, scalp knife, &c.

8. This package is a mixture of all the varieties above mentioned, in the number of one hundred and twenty-two, with a box of birch bark, containing twenty-nine little infants of various sizes; small white hoops, with white ground.

With these packs the chiefs send to your excellency the following speech, delivered by Coniogahtin in council, and interpreted by the elder Moore, the trader, and taken down by me in writing:

"Father, we send you herewith many scalps, that you may see that we are not idle friends.

" "Father, we wish you to send these scalps over the water to the great king, that he may regard them and be refreshed, and that he may see our faithfulness in destroying his enemies, and be convinced that his presents have not been made to an ungrateful people."

These odious practices of the English Government were condemned with indignation by Lord Clitham; "Behold," said he, "the allies of England; the butchers of Lower Saxony. The Mohawks, the most cruel of men; brigands, who respect neither age nor sex, and who delight in the blood of disarmed weakness. Alas! by mingling the tomahawk with the sword, the knife with the gun we have stained our arms with a blot which all the waters of the ocean cannot efface!"

The packs of scalps and the letters accompanying them were found among the baggage of the English army, after the defeat of Gen. Burgoyne.

In BRAZIL, the common form of introduction is said to be as follows: "Sir, allow me to introduce to your acquaintance my friend Mr. Jones. If he steals any thing, I am accountable."

To REMOVE WARTS.—Wash them with a strong solution of pearlash and let it dry on the warts. If this is done two or three times the warts will disappear.

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