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CHAIN PUMPS.—A small number of these excellent pumps have been received and are offered for sale by H. B. MASSER. Numbers, Nov. 4, 1852.-

SELECT POETRY.

A PRAYER FOR FINE WEATHER.

Pluvius! who lookest on all, And a bad pain in my stomach, Accept my earnest cry and call, Against this Gotham weather!

Miscellaneous Matter.

UNPUBLISHED LETTER FROM JOHN RANDOLPH OF ROANOKE.

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers, the following letter from the celebrated orator and statesman, John Randolph, of Roanoke.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 14, 1852.

Dear Sir—Not satisfied to partake alone of the mingled emotions of pleasure and sadness, which have been awakened in reading the following letter from the brilliant and eccentric orator of Roanoke...

THE LETTER.

May He who has the power, and always the will, when he earnestly, humbly, and devoutly entreated, support and comfort you, my brother, I shall not point to the creature that remain to you in your surviving children, and their mother, dearest to all these put together...

A FATAL LEGACY.

The following paragraph is published in a French paper, the Journal des Voyages: "A few days since a young girl, residing near Chartres (Vosges) on returning from Nancy, where she had been to receive 300 francs which had been bequeathed to her by a relative, was overtaken on the road by a young man and a girl, who fell into a conversation with her."

HAVE WE A BOURBON AMONGST US.

There is an article in the last number of Putnam's Magazine, written by Rev. John H. Hanson, a clergyman of worth, and transmitted to Mr. Putnam by Rev. Dr. Hawks, going to show that we have a Bourbon of the royal line of France living unknown amongst us.

THE LATE MASTER BENJAMIN PIERCE.

The Concord (N. H.) Congregational Journal publishes the following interesting memoir of the late Master Benjamin Pierce: "The bright and manly little fellow, whose death has awakened so deep and universal sympathy for the desolate parents, was worthy of all the affection with which they cherished him, and of all the hopes they entertained of him."

RAT-CATCHING IN LONDON.

At the Guild-hall, on Saturday, James Gardner and John Hawkins were placed at the bar, before Sir C. Marshall, charged with being found unlawfully in the city sewers—Police constable 137 said he saw the prisoners coming up through one of the sewer gratings in Throgmorton street...

AN ERECT POSITION.

A writer on health very justly condemns the habit of lounging, in which a large number of persons indulge, as injurious to health. He says: "An erect bodily attitude is of vastly more importance to health than is easily imagined. Crooked bodies possess, maintained for any length of time, airways injurious, whether in the sitting, lying or standing posture, whether sleeping or walking."

THE BOSTON POST SAYS MISS GOODENOW, the Alleghanian vocalist, is married to Mr. Robb, of San Francisco.

Oh, she was good enough before Till Goodnow's cupid came, And Goodnow—who is no more, For hymns holdeth her maiden name!

IMPORTING CATTLE.—The Cleveland Herald says that the cattle growers of Madison county, Ohio, have organized a cattle importing company, the capital stock, \$10,000, all taken. The company will shortly send one of their number of England, to make selections and purchases. A similar company is being formed in Indiana, with a capital of \$25,000.

THE VANITY OF HUMAN GREATNESS.

It is said that the Emperor Nicholas breakfasts on a cup of tea and a rusk; dines on a little fish, a outlet of chop, with a biscuit and a glass of sherry and water. In the evening he takes a cup of tea. He suffers from an internal disease, and is obliged to be abstemious. Upon this the Providence Journal moralizes: "Then what is the use of being an Emperor, after all? With a table loaded with every luxury, with cellars stocked with the choicest wines, he is obliged to live as moderately as a man with an income of \$1,000 a year, and save a glass of sherry and water, he might as well be under the Roman law, as to be the Emperor of all the Russias."

WHILE THAT IMPUDENT RASCAL OUT!

While the congregation were collecting at church, on a certain occasion, an old dark, hard featured, skin and bone individual was seen wending his way up the aisle, and taking his seat near the pulpit. The officiating minister was one of that class who detested written sermons, and as for prayers, he thought that they ought to be the natural outpourings of the heart. After the singing was concluded, the house as usual was called to prayer. The genius we have introduced did not kneel, but leaned his head devotionally on the back of the pew. The minister began by saying: "Father of all, in every age, by saint and by savage adored."

THE LAW OF DIVORCE.—The State Commission to revise the Code have proposed a law providing that in addition to the cases now provided by the act of March 13, 1815, the Courts of Common Pleas shall have power to grant divorces where either of the parties were minors at the time of their marriage, and it was contracted without the consent of the parents or guardians of such minor, and has not been followed by cohabitation subsequent to such alleged marriage?

THE WORD LADY, IN THE BIBLE.—"Pen Paste and Scissors," erred yesterday morning, in stating that the word "lady," was not used in the Bible. "A Lady Reader" corrects, and informs him that the term occurs in the Second Epistle of John, first verse. The verse reads as follows: "The elder unto the elect lady, and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not in a lie, but also all they that have known the truth."

WHAT IS MAN?—The Quarterly Review, in answer to the question, "What is man?" says, chemically speaking, a man is forty-five pounds of carbon and nitrogen, diffused through five and a half puffs of water.

THE HUMAN HEART IS LIKE A FEATHER BED.—It must be roughly handled, well shaken, and exposed to a variety of trials, to prevent its becoming hard.

ELWIN FORREST, the tragedian, has received an offer from a New Orleans theatrical manager of \$2,000 per week, to act a series of weeks in the Crescent City.

AT THE RECENT POULTRY EXHIBITION at Birmingham, several honorable ladies carried off prizes for the best specimens of game fowls, ducks and hens. Some pairs of favorite breeds sold for two hundred dollars each.

BOSTON ICE CROP.—The Boston Transcript of Wednesday evening says: "The business of cutting ice from Spy Pond, West Cambridge, was commenced yesterday afternoon between the pond and the city, by removing the snow from the surface, ice to the thickness of ten inches is obtained. The work is to be prosecuted day and night as long as the weather will permit. By the aid of steam power, upwards of a thousand tons of ice a day can be obtained. When the works are in full operation, a ton of ice is cut and hauled in a minute. Fresh Pond is not yet entirely closed by the ice, quite a large space is open in the centre of the pond. Last year upwards of three hundred tons of ice was cut and hauled each hour, from this pond during the ice season. By the improved facilities for cutting and raising ice upon this pond, seven tons of ice a minute is the average amount secured when men, horses and steam are at work."

DEAR SIR.—By request of your "Eight Year Subscriber," I will endeavor to give him a few particulars, as near as I can—First, for a child whose swallow is bad, this enough honey to moisten and soothe its throat, but to those who are more able to swallow, in some cases not diluted, but kept in the throat as long as possible. Night or damp air ought to be avoided as much as possible. To an adult I should recommend a piece of flannel in his cravat. Honey is rather scarce this time of the year. Buy it anywhere, if it is good. I saw some in Arch, above Ninth, first rate. Let it be given as often as you think it is necessary for relief. By the kindness of our editor, which cannot be said of every one, you will receive these brief remarks.

CURE FOR BRONCHITIS.

From the Phila. Sun. THE MAINE LAW. The people of Jersey say, "way down in Maine, There's a law to keep tipplers from drinking."

WORK IF YOU WOULD RISE.—Richard Burke being found in a reverie shortly after an extraordinary display of powers in Parliament by his brother Edmund Burke, and questioned by a friend as the cause replied: "I have been wondering how Ned has contrived to monopolize all the talents of the family; but then again I remember when we were at play he was always at work."

GEORGE PEARBY, Esq., the rich and liberal American merchant in London, has contributed ten thousand dollars towards defraying the expenses of the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, which is soon to leave New York in Mr. Grinnell's ship.

QUEEN VICTORIA is stated to be in an interesting situation again.