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Lines of Travel.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. WINTER TIME TABLE. FIVE TRAINS DAILY TO & FROM PHILADELPHIA ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1860.

THROUGH EXPRESS TRAIN leaves Harrisburg at 2.40 a. m., and arrives at West Philadelphia at 6.50 a. m. EAST LINE leaves Harrisburg at 12.45 p. m., and arrives at West Philadelphia at 5.00 p. m.

THROUGH EXPRESS TRAIN leaves Philadelphia at 10.50 a. m., and arrives at Harrisburg at 3.10 a. m. MAIL TRAIN leaves Philadelphia at 9.00 a. m., and arrives at Harrisburg at 12.20 p. m.

NEW AIR LINE ROUTE TO NEW YORK. Shortest in Distance and Quickest in Time BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES OF NEW YORK AND HARRISBURG, VIA READING, ALLENTOWN AND EASTON.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD. WINTER ARRANGEMENT. ON AND AFTER DEC. 12, 1860, TWO PASSENGER TRAINS LEAVE HARRISBURG DAILY, (Sundays excepted), at 8.00 A. M., and 1.15 P. M., for Philadelphia, arriving there at 1.25 P. M., and 6.15 P. M.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD. REDUCTION OF PASSENGER FARES, ON AND AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1860.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY. CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. SPRING ARRANGEMENT. ON AND AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 1861, the Passenger-Trains of the Northern Central Railway will leave Harrisburg as follows:

GOING SOUTH. ACCOMMODATION TRAIN will leave at 3.30 a. m. EXPRESS TRAIN will leave at 7.00 a. m. MAIL TRAIN will leave at 7.40 p. m.

Miscellaneous.

TAKE NOTICE! That we have recently added to our already full stock OF SEGARS LA NORMAIS, HARI KARI, EL MONO, LA BANANA.

JACKSON & CO'S SHOE STORE, NO. 90X MARKET STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.

THE AMERICAN BYRON! GUADALUPE: A TALE OF LOVE AND WAR. A Poem in the style of DON JUAN, and equal in spirit, matter and manner to that brilliant production of the "BRITISH BARD."

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WARRANTED TWELVE MONTHS! MORTON'S UNRIVALLED GOLD PENS! PERSONS in want of a superior and really good gold pen will find with us a large assortment to select from, and have the privilege to exchange the pens until their hand is perfectly satisfied.

AT COST!!! BOTTLED WINES, BRANDIES, LIQUORS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION! Together with a complete assortment, (wholesale and retail), embracing everything in the line, will be sold at cost, without reserve.

SMOKE! SMOKE! SMOKE!!! Is not objectionable when from a CIGAR purchased at KELLEY'S DRUG STORE, 91 Market Street.

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BOA CONSTRICTORS. The gloomy forest in which I witnessed that I am about to relate is situated at the short distance from the town of Dielky, in the East India Island of Timore.

But of all sights in the world, none is so once more curious and more frightful than an encounter between two boas, which are contending for the possession of a female or a buffalo.

There is no glory in this, as you may perceive in killing the boa in the state of torpor in which he is thrown at the beginning of his loathsome repast, but as no one thinks of glory in the daily war waged against this hideous reptile, the best plan is to take him in the midst of his feast, and for several men to kneel down from his head to the middle of his body, as if before some venerated idol, and then to place a poisoned arrow on a string made of the entrails of fish, and, at a given signal, to let fly simultaneously at this crawling Lucullus, who is struck by death in the midst of his feast.

After these unsuccessful attempts, which would have finished by depopulating the island far more rapidly than dysentery or the most pernicious fevers, Don Jose Pinto determined to set fire to the wood, even at the expense of a general conflagration throughout the island.

And I began to see that I was sold. There never was a poor wight before nor since that rejoiced more at discovering that he had been sold.

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after which he crawls onward in the direction of the spot he aims at, when suddenly by a series of rapid bounds and evolutions, that can be compared to nothing more aptly than the streamer on the mainmast of a vessel dallying with the wind, he twists himself, now to the right, now to the left, then turns backward, and anon leaps forward as though he were seized with a vertigo.

Such of the natives of Timore as are employed on plantations open to the incursions of the boa, have therefore devised the following stratagem: They tie up a buffalo with strong ropes to a tree or a rock, with created openings, where they can ensconce themselves in safety, while they are enabled to watch their enemy's manoeuvres.

On a small plot of ground where stands a group of about fifty buildings of most fantastic shapes, each surrounded by its own inclosures, live and die a few sickly Europeans and a number of Malays who blacken their teeth with betel-nuts, and lament that they live, and near them—so near indeed that he can reach them at a single bound—lives the terrible boa constrictor, who only devours myriads of insects when he happens not to have pounced upon a buffalo in his rapid flight.

But it must not be imagined that when the monster is impelled by hunger he acts in the cautious manner I have just described—just the contrary; at such times his bearing is bold and decisive; he towers proudly above the tall heath, uttering a hissing sound like the moaning of the wind in a tempest, and following as straight a line as an arrow shot out of a bow by some practiced hand.

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never was a poor wight before nor since that rejoiced more at discovering that he had been sold. "Why," said she, "I thought you promised to take me for better or for worse, but here you are raising a row, and threatening to leave me at the first little fall you find about me."

ORIGIN OF THE GYPSIES.—The Gypsies are not Egyptians, as is commonly supposed, but are of the lowest class of Indians among the estates of Hindostan, commonly called Pariars, or in Hindostan, Sundars. They are found in Persia, Turkey, Russia, Hungary, and most of the continental nations, amounting to more than seven hundred thousand; they all speak one language, differing only in a slight degree from each other, as the provincial accents of a kingdom may differ, and this language is nearly the same—the Hindostanee. The emigration of this people from their own country is attributed to the war of Timour Beg, (408), at which period their arrival in Europe is confirmed by historical authorities. So cruel was the conqueror, that one hundred thousand, who surrendered as slaves, were put to death; in consequence of which, a universal panic seized the inhabitants, and they fled in all directions, the Sundars gradually finding their way into Europe. The features of the Gypsies plainly showed their eastern origin; but they had so well contrived to dupe the European inhabitants that, till the advancement of Oriental literature, their country could never be clearly traced.

But of all sights in the world, none is so once more curious and more frightful than an encounter between two boas, which are contending for the possession of a female or a buffalo. Don Jose Pinto and I witnessed an encounter of this kind one evening, taking care, however, to keep at a respectful distance.

WONDERFUL CALCULATION.—A writer thus undertakes to convey some idea of the greatness of the population of China: "The mind cannot grasp the real import of so vast a number. Four hundred millions!—What does it mean? Count it. Night and day, without rest, or food, or sleep, you count the weary work; yet eleven years have passed before you have counted the first million, and more than as many years before the end of the tedious task can be reached."

GALLANTRY AND COURAGE OF COL. SUMNER.—His Love Affair with the Queen of Spain.—The Mac-A-Check Press relates this instance of the courage and gallantry of Col. Sumner, late companion of Mr. Lincoln on his journey to Washington: In the summer of 1855 he was sent to Europe on a special mission connected with the War Department, and made at the same time bearer of dispatches to our Legation at Madrid, by Gov. Marcy, the then Secretary of State.