

POTNAM has just published the book in con sequence of which Miss Murray was obliged to resign her place as one of Queen Victoria's nor. It bears the title of "Letters from the United States, Canada and Cuba"the greater part of the letters being, of course, from the United States. It is in the main a good natured book; the author likes many things she sees here-the people to whom she has had introductions, the climate, the ols and other public institutions, slavery schools and other public institutions, stavery itself-everything, in short, but the ill-bred familiarity, nasal pronunciation, and thin, dry figures of the Americans, who are too lean for her standard of health, and accord-ingly move her compassion. Writing from Newport, on the 13th of August, she says: "There is certainly great heauty and resays:

dependence."

the fresh waters of this district."

"There is certainly great beauty and repeople, but is accompanied by a fregility of look which reises painful feelings. As far as I can judge at present, this is owing partly to hereditary causes, partly to actual habits.-The excitement and anxieties of business life in a new country probably entail constitu-tional delicacy upon the children of parents total delicate upon the children of parents so eagerly occupied, and the sedentary city education and pursuits of the young of the last and present generation, unfavorable to out-of door interests and amusements, do not harden and strengthen the nerves and

"I am already tempted to controvert the sertion of American ladies, that their generally delicate health is to be attributed to mate. They may have severer winters and warmer summers than ours, but these are ied by the advantages of less damp, and of a brighter sunshine. I have not had too warm for exercise during any part of the day, for though the sun is bright-er, it does not always beam so furtously as with us. The climate of Massachusetts seems to me a charming one, and I believe another generation will discover its ments, because I entertain hopes that the children now growing up will acquire more hardy The evil I am speaking of cannot be remedied in a day; and I find American ladies are at this moment so little informed with regard to natural productions, and so unfitted for country purenits, that their ignor ance of these matters is all once the evidence and the cause of their lack of physical

At Newport, she was introduced to Governor Seymour, of New York, whose guest she was during a considerable part of her stay in this country, and whose hospitality and courtesies are celebrated on very cordial terms. Writing from Boston, about the same time, she again alludes to the sickly looks of the haggard friends she has made in New England, and suggests that a cure may be found on of the law of primogeni

"I should particularly dread any epidemic falling upon a people which, as a general rule, looked so overworked and fregile, and thin as these Northern Americans. Dr. Howe eays it is climate; as yet 1 am incredulous upon this point. My friend, Mr. L., confessed he was almost in his grave when,

aspressed to her "that the out county the get thoroughly whipped during the present wat." Thereupon Miss Murray sets it down in her tablets, not without some provocation, we admit, that "the Americans mistake rudeness for republicanism, and incivility for in-

At Cleveland, she visited Dr. Kırtland, livin a few miles of this place ; but they take to be pleased with social life at the South : ing in the neighborhood, who has obtained a name among promologists, by the fine va-rieties of cherries and other fruits which he has succeeded in producing. Of him she

winter. I understand that the habit of hotel life is every year becoming more general in the States, this is partly eucouraged by the "" "Dr. Kirtland has paid great attention to the improvements of fruits, particularly cher-ries, and he is a most scientific naturalist; his birds, stuffed and arranged by himself, troubles srising from servants; the older la-dies get rid of house-keeping, and the young States; both the tone of voice and the choic adies, are indulged with constant society : but excel those of Waterton; and the manner in which his etymological specimeus are preto English tastes this mode of existence would be unbearable—continued noise, bustle, and excitement, no repose of mind and no home duties. It is advantageous to a foreigner. who wishes to become acquainted with the people of the country; but I should suppose it must be ruinous to the manners and the domestic character of the higher class of young women; frivolity and indulence must be encouraged, for any plan of industrial oc-cupation is a honeless attempt in each places so that they can be observed on all sides and when held up to a light, while, being rea-dered impervious to air and unassailable to Gareal impervious to air and unassaitable to insects they are indestructible. I am prom-ised a specimen case, which will be an in-valuable example to collectors and muse-ums in Europe. Dr. Kiriland was also so cupation is a hopeless attempt in such places as these. I would rather take up my abode obliging as to give me numerous shells from in any farm-house in England, than be con At Albany, on November 6, Miss Murray demned to fritter away my life in a great American hotel. Still, for me, as a stranbecomes an inmate of Governor Seymour's house. It was in the midst of the election in which he was a second time a candidate for ger and a traveler, it is uncom

The Smithsonian Institute, and the dispute the office of Governor of New York, and was bout the application of the Smithsonian leg beaten by his competitor, Myron H. Clark. Miss Murray becomes interested in the elec-tion, admires the "calm indifference" of her acy, suggest to our tourist the idea that want "healthier ideas on the subject of eduhost to the result, and his free lom "from weak ambition." Here she begins again to cation," and "an improved and more practi-cal female training." She remarks-"In this country, I hear that 'though it has speculate on the slavery question, and comes no queen, all the women are queens.¹ I should rather call them playthings-dolls; things treated as if they were unfit or unwilling to to the conclusion that the emancipation of the black man has been prevented by checking the slave trade, observing that— "If, when a sufficient number had been imported, their labor had been materially help themselves or others: and while we in England have nearly cast aside arts of the toilet worthy only of dolls, I see here false rendered of less value by the introduction brows, false bloom, false hair, false everyof others, slavery would quickly have abol-ished itself; but anti-slavery laws checked brows, take bloom, take mar, take every-thrag!-mot always, but too frequently. Dress in America, as an almost general rule, is full of extravagance and artificiality; and women show such a want of reliance upon their native powers of pleasing their in-fluence in society will be more nominal than seal?

orthern States."

soften as she goes, and sees new reason to

solien as sine goes, and sees new reason to believe in the necessity and advantages of slavery. Such a being as Uncle Tom, de-scribed in Mrs. Stowe's book, she is convin-ced never had an existence. The blacks are

all Topsys, seconding to our author, with the

exception that they are not, like Mrs. Stowe's

Topsy, reclaimable and improvable under treatment which regards them as reasonable

beings. We quote part of what she says on

the natural course of Providence." At Albany, she learne to like the America clergy. "One circumstance is to be observed of the

American Episcopalian clergyman—and as far as I have been able to remark, the same thing may be said of the Presbytarian—that they all read well, without the nasal tone or the peculiar pronunciation of the Northern real." At Washington she meets with an inter esting family, natives of New Orleans, who speak English with an accent; but Miss M. prefers "our language a little broken, to the

States. It is a pity that civilians, especially diplomatic men, do not imitate their clergy in this matter. I think the latter, as a body, superior to ours. Among these whose churchbroad and often nasal pronunciation of New England and New York. The southern people have pleasing voices, and are much less provincial in their speech, than those of the es I have attended, two ministers, educated and ordained upon our side of the Atlantic, both good men, were pompous and tedious in the reading desk and pulpit. And we From Washington the author proceeds outhward, finding the manners of the whites

must confess that not many in England ei-ther read or preach in an attractive manner." With Governor Sey mour's family she visits New York, and is domesticated with them in the St. Nicholas Hotel, the only fault she finds with which is, that its furniture is rather in the extreme of magnificence. On the fashionable society of New York the makes these reflections : "Poople here are not at all less exclusive

farm and garden, (although he does not en-tirely give up his legal duties,) he looks as and wealth are evinced by more minute and subjects "At one of the railroad stations I watched strong and healthy as any exzgenarian upon our side of the Atlantic. I should like to conventionalities than with us. I have been a young and intelligent-looking black man, transplant all the sick dyspeptic men and women of New York and Boston into garkeeping on a kind of Highland trot over a number of a small pitch-barrels with all the dens and fields, before I will admit that this is a proof of natural effeminacy ! American zest of a white child from four to six years of ladies bestow those hours of leisure which age. I begin to doubt whether they even grow mentally after twenty. They are pre-cocious children, being so imitative; they English women of the same class give to drawing, to the study of nature and to mensoon ripen, come to a stand-still, and ad-vance no farther. In this respect Uncle Tom tal cultivation, almost wholly on personal a dornment. Although it must be admitted. is a myth, but Topsy a reality. I mean to go and see a sale of slaves; my wish is to that owing to the bad training of their ser go and see a sale of slaves; my wish is to judge the subject fairly in all its bearings, and this I may be trusted to do even by abovants, ladies on this side of the Atlantic are compelled to look closely into the details of domestic economy, yet it is odd that they are generally far less competent to the perform-ances of every-day and sick-room duties than litionists; for early prejudices and my na lings are certainly op tional and acquired fee posed to slavery; but if contenances are history as well as prophecy,' the national ex-pression of faces in the North, as contrasted the daughters of our noblest houses in Great Britain; and so long as the girls here devote a whole hour for every ten minutes allowed pression of faces in the North, as contrasted with those of the South, tell a strange, and by us to the toilet, they have no right to make to me unexpected story, as regards the greatest happiness principle of the greatest domestic affairs an excuse for want of gen-eral information. Of course there are brill. iant exceptions ; but I fear the national charumber !

ents. Eleven pages alone are occupied with the remarks of Mr. Curtin himself. About n hotels: "On Christmas day I walked to church gardens of the Union."

Stres; both the tone of voice and the choice of words and pronunciation are much more like old England as one proceeds further south; the babits simpler and more unoscen-tations, and the dress of every day wear is suitable and gentlewomanlike, instead of be-ing, as in the North, unbecoming, stiff, and

extravagant; the young women plastering their hair, and wearing silk fit for their grand mothers, and the middle aged spending hour

artificial contrivances, which, after all, make

hemselves evident to the most superficia

This is followed by an argument that sh

very is the best condition for the negro race

The entire South presents a happy image o patriarchal life, benevolent masters and at-tached servants. Miss Murray declares that

"she had rather be a slave" there than "a

While in Georgia, Miss Murray visits the

Stone Mountain, which she describes as a granite precipice of a height gigantic beyond any other of which she has heard; more lof-

ty and aspiring than even the Martenswale

"The flowering thrubs are plentiful aro but I saw few smaller plants in plow;

my guide told me the earlier months spring are most favorable here for such this He was the first American I ever met we (excent Statistics)

(except Botanical Professors) who takes an

interest in flowers. He gathered a large bou

quet of Azaleas, Kalmais, Baccinniums, &c.,

and thanked me for having been the means of bringing him to the rock graden, which

he had never visited before when the Kal

pleasure (he said) in wandering alone about the mountains; 'but then I could never have persuaded my ladies to come to such a place

as this.' We had to scramble across a stream

and over the rocks, certainly; but I would

have walked barefoot through the waters

rather than have missed the scene. I do not

wonder that American ladies in the mas

look dispirited and 'sick' (the word generally

used in the United States for ill,) they take so little exercise, and lose the best enjoy-

ments of life in their neglect of natural beau

ty for artificial pleasures; and no wonder they

are victims of consumption." Returning through Indiana, she become

the guest of Gov. Wright. The Governor asks her to go to market with him, and car

ries a basket himself, which gives rise to these

"I have heard much of democracy and

equality since I came to the United States, and I have seen more evidence of aristocra-

reflections."

nais were in bloom : though he had a great

grumbling 'help' in the northern States."

in repairing the ravages of time, by stud

observers."

in the Tyrol.

one hundred pages, at the close of the vol-ume, are filled with statistical matter. The number of teachers in the public schools of Pennsylvania is 13,108 ; the num-

ber of scholars 592,007. Here is quite an army of youth, profiting by the excellent system of education so wisely adopted tweny years ago. The State Superintendent speaks encour

ter will be able to

few who will not be able to say how Penn

attend to the following hints :-

eight or nine in the morning.

agingly of the working of the system, but points out numerous defects. The reports of county superintendents, however, are more full of interesting details, which give some idea of the working of the system in the rural districts.

Although many millions of money have been expended on education, still the build-ings for school purposes are often very wretch-ed, unwholesome and incommodious. Mr. Hays, the superintendeut in Forest county, says : ays : "It grieves me to have to expose the wretch-when asked how many thirds make a whole

ed state of our school houses ; they are (some of them) of log with mudded walls ; the shall speak had been studying divinity in a seats are slabs or boards with legs in them. The pupils have to sit on these till so wearied, that they must lean back (if within reach) against the mudded wall. There is not a school in the county in which there is a blackboard, and scarcely one that has even a chair. There have been two school houses let, (to be built on ground, I have been told, tation to him. "A gentleman of insane mind chair. There have been two school houses let, (to be built on ground, I have been told, tation to him. "A gentleman of insane mind without shadow of titto,) one of them to the threw himself into the river Soine." He president, and the other to the treamfor of wrote it as follows: "Jentleaman of an in-the bound of block of the other of wrote it as follows: "Jentleaman of an in-sain mind they house the Birger same."

Wagaman, the Jefferson county Superintend-ent. He is quoting from the note-book of a toru of insecution tour of inspection made among the schools. "Visited school No. 6-taught by Missing bad; went up a pine hollow, then over steep hile; country rough; soil thin and covered with stones; slight characteristics of the Penasylvania school covered with stones; slight fall of snow : creek frozen over, impassable to my horse broke the ice with a hand-spike and got over; came to a clearing; field filled with stumps and stones; arrived at school house in the edge of a pine wood ; fallen trees lying close by the honse, obstructing the way house very small; built of logs; one end lined with rough boards nailed horizontally

over the cracks ; blacksmith shop windows some lights out ; loose boards over head, for ceiling ; joists too low for a tall man to stand straight ; door too short at bottom by several nches ; floor open ; gable end knocked in if it ever had any ; stove very poor and did not half draw; teacher intelligent and used to better things; cheeks blue with cold; was endeavoring to do her duty; well quali-fied to teach; children sat shivering with cold ; school small ; heard classes read and spell; showed proficiency ; thought it crue to condemn a female teacher and tender children to imprisonment in a place like this, cy and despotism then it has before been my during the rigors of winter."

Franklin, when he was a printer-pure water. Never use tobacco in any form. By chewing, smoking, or snuffing, you spend money which would help to clothe you, or would en-Esq., Altorney General of Pen me to meet with. The Know Nothings, These are, it is true, extreme cases, but and the Abolitionists, and the Mormoniter re are probably able you, if single, to make a us the State, among the wild counties of the to an aged mother or dependent sister; or, the State of New York has a right, by the if married, to buy your wile a frock, or get books for your children. You also, by any of these filthy practices, injure your health, as this of Jefferson county, and many poor martyr school teachers who suffer so bringing on head-ache, gnawing at the stom-ach, low spirits, trembling of the limbs, and, ly as this unhappy "Miss ---- of school No A very general cause of complaint in the at times, sleeplessness. Be particular in preserving your skin clean, reports of the County Superintendents is the incompetency of many of the teachers, or by regular washing of your hands and face uth, before each meal, and of your rather of the persons applying for situation as teachers. Some of the reports give illus whole body at least once a week; and by ombing and brushing the hair daily. Always have fresh air in the room in which trations of the ignorance of these applicants that are almost beyond belief. Mr. Kerr, the superintendent of Allegheny county, says: "With regard to those whom I was comou work, but so that you shall not be in a pelled to reject, but little need be said.-Their want of qualification can be best in-Take a short time in the morning, if possible, and always in the evening or towards sundown, for placing your body in a natural ferred from the following table of inc ties, as selected at random from their MSS posture, by standing erect, and exercising your chest and limbs by a walk where the Their attainments, though wornderful indeed, did not entitle them to a certificate, even of air is the purest. If confined in doors, let your food consist middling grade. in large proportion, of milk and bread, and well boiled vegetables. Meat and fish ought to be used sparingly, and only at dinner.--"Orthography .- Watter, speach, bizzy, verry beauroue, grammer, arithmatic, oshun, lattitude, Drope, Wendsday, propper, parshal, unherd, tence, artyphaser, forceable, comicle, §c., §c. "Definition of Terms.—Meridian ? Hulf ut coffee, tea, or choco You are better w late. If you use any of them, it ought not to ore than once in the day

were : the University School, 200 students; College of Physicians and Surgeons, 160; "Years hence, when the education of all classes will be far in advance of what it is at present, when the labarynths of myslic New York Medical College, 75; In Philadelphia the class of the University has fallen off about 50; the Jefferson about 100, while the Pennsylvania and Philadel science will be revealed, and the schoolmasphia College have increased somewhat. The English Surgeon Erichsen recently re-moved a large calculus from the bladder of "Unravel the figured veil that hideth Egypt's t may be satisfactory to glance a retrospecta female, weighing 5¹/₂ ounces, and measur-ing 8 inches in the long and 6 in the short ive eye at by-gone events, and to know the scholastic attainments of some who would diameter.____The director of the statisti-cal office in Chili publishes the name and fain be employed to instruct the children of "One who had taught school fifteen years rges of nine persons, the youngest of whom is 118, and the oldest 133 years of age. One did not know whether he lived in the East-

of them who is 120 years old, recently mar-ried a widow of only 98 years.——Our old friend Prof. J. S. Friend has become edern or Western bemisphere, but rather thought it was the Easten !! Another applicant bounded Pennsylvania on the north by the *West Indian*, on the south by the Mediterra-nean, on the east by the Atlantic, on the itor of the Journal of Medical Reform. Our once editorial colleague, H. M. Sweet, M. D., has been elected to the chair of Phywest by the Indian ocean ! !! "One that came well recommended as hav-

ing taught school several winters, when re-quested to add 2 and 3 together, after workduring the winter. Doctor Stall says that if the practice were generally followed, consumption would have fewer victims During the last year there were 7701 women delivered in the Lying in Hospital of Vien Pennsylvania college some three years to na, being by far the largest number of ac-couchments in any one establishment in the qualify himself for a home missionary. I gave him a few arithmetical questions, not one of which he was able to solve, slithough world.—An English paper states that in 1851, 5000 widowers were married to spin-sters, 2400 bachelors to widows, and 2700 some of them were in long division; neither widowers to widows. More than 7000 widowers stand here by the side of rather more than 5000 widows. In one case, a widower of ninety was married to a spinster of eigthty. The youngest widower was twenty, the youngest widow sixteen.- Med. Reformer.

"On one occasion this summer, out of MEDICAL REFORM IN ENGLAND .- The editor fourteen applicants for the schools in the township, two only were examined in geogof the "Journal of Medical Reform" states that he has received a letter a short time raphy, and one in grammar.!" The publication of such reports as these, since from Dr. FRANK CHILD, one of the members of the Council of the Medical Re-form College, stating that the cause of Re-formed Medicine is rapidly progressing in that country, notwithstanding the persistent and the exposure of ignorance such as these aspirants exhibit, will do much to diminish opposition its friends have encountered.-During the last Course of Lectures nearly one system. Normal schools are multiplying and increasing the supply of competent men and women to fill the plets of teachers. The generation now in course of education will include, when it arrives at maturity, very hundred young men have been in attend-ance as regular students. Our practice will ultimately triumph, but the accession to our ranks of such spirits as we learn the lead-ing Reformers of England to be will hasten sylvania is bounded, and none whose ideas his "consummation so devoutly wished." of education are like those of the Bucks

county pedagogue, who made his scholars NEW METHOD OF REMOVING FOREIGN BODopposing armies and compelled them to fight till they were "literally covered with blood." ES FROM THE NOSE .--- In a recent number of The Noon The Nose...-In a recent number of the American Lancet, the editor, Dr. Horace Nelson, reports two cases where he suc-ceeded in washing foreign bodies from the nasal passages. The first was a child who HINTS TO MECHANICS AND WORKMEN.-If you would avoid the diseases which your partic ular trades and work are liable to produce had pushed a pearl button up her nostril; and the second was that of an Irish boy Keep, if possible, regular hours; never sup-pose that you have done extra work, when who had a kernel of corn in his nasal passage. With a four ounce syringe he threw a full jet of water up the unobstructed nosyou sit up till midnight, and do not rise till tril, when the water gushed out the other Abstain from ardent spirits, cordials and one, bringing along with it the foreign body. malt liquors. Let your drink be, like that of This suggestion may prove advantageous to many of our readers

A LEGAL QUESTION .- Thomas E. Franklin,

pleasant climate is to blame. I am rather inclined to assert that mental excitement, and nev-making, and sedentary employments are the real oriminals, and that something in due to the laws of inheritance even in th anentailing country."

on she begins to speculate on the subject of slavery, which she thinks "Christianity must and will subdue;" adding that no "individual selfishness, and no political intrigues can prevent the wished-for consum mation," and expresses her firm belief "that there are few, very few, even in the South, who will not hail with joy the moment instion." These views she afterwards ion to mo

On a journey made about this time to gion, the following comparison between New and Old England is drawn:

"The dif e between us appears to be sembles that of self-indulgent Asiatics Than of energetic Anglo-Saxons. And, as far as I that our higher classes have more principle. can judge, their children are not being reared in better habits. Human nature is prone to legance and refinement ; the women a rgy and activity, and the men more athextremes; and these facts explain why some individuals desirons of improvement have fallen into a mistaken imitation of manly letic smusements; while our middle and lower classes are less highly educated, per-haps rather more narrow minded, and physcharacter, instead of cultivating feminine du cally work harder, although in some res ties."

At New York she speculates a little on ou arly those occupied in manufactures imercial affairs. The race and ap-s of formes is an example which At New 1012 and provide the have made, political system, to which we have made, the thinks, some mistakes, and hopes "that a future generation will consider political nd con pearance of tronses is an example which seems throughout any they bear. There a future generation will co are none so perfect as our most perfect; but the enimals generally go better and ers better rights as due to property, and the virtues of principle, independence and freedom from

"Of course, it must be borne in mind that acter of women in the United States more te no rules are without exception; but of the haggard, anxious, melancholy, resiless, sick-ly, hopeless faces I have seen in the North-ern States—in the rail-cars, on the steambasts, in the saloons, and particularly in the ladies parlor. There is a beauty of fecture and complexion, with hardly any individuality of character. Nothing like simplicity, even

house, ty dolla e, forced, impetnous beings, the almigh-llars, the incentive and only guide to acmay spend it in dress and estentation ; and the men like that their wives should appear attired, with thin silk allopers, to set off their

are, in my opic equent upon the mammonite, extravegant pretensions and habite, which are really fashiocable among pseudo-republicans. Two hundred thousand starving Irish have come to this country, and in their ignorance, they assume the airs of that equality which they have been induced to believe is really belonging to American society. They endeavor to reduce to prac tice the sentiment so popular here—but no-that will never do. Ladies don't like thei helps to say they 'choose to sit in the parlor, or they wont help them at all, for equality is the rule here.' Mrs. So and so, of the 'cod-fish' aristocracy, doean't like to have Lady Anything to take precedence of her; but Bet-ty choosing to play at equality is quite an-other thing! Now at Indianapolis 1 have found something like consistency, for the

first time I came this side the Atlan Another observation respecting the American women, and we close the volume : "Before leaving the Reindeer steame had some conversation with a sensible lad

from Chicago, who regretted the way in which the great majority of American young women are sacrificing health to vanity. She agrees that it is not so much climate as bad agrees that it is not so much climate as bad management which crowds the cemeternes with early victime. An idea has gone forth that fregility is interesting, and young ladies almost cultivate il health 1 She told me that estanding at her own door one morning, she observed three girls between twelve and (4) Ans.--'' don no how bound.'' (4) Ans.--'' don no how bound.'' (4) Ans.--'' don no how bound.''

ent constitutions. The object, of course, is to employ all the muscles of the body, and

weak; and hence exercise ought to be often varied, and always adapted to the peculiari-"Grammar and arithmetic equally as ab-

Some equally remarkable evidences of ties of individuals.

construction of a dam across the river to supply with water the Chemung ca-nal, one of the public improvements of that State, and thus divert the water from the natural channel of the Chemung river into the Seneca lake, thereby materially diminishing

the capacity of that river to supply the North Branch caual in this State-has given his opinion, founded on the law of natio ons, that uch right does not exist, and that one State or nation cannot divert the water of a public river from its natural channel, to the dratein ment of the State or nation below .- " Daily

EMETICS IN TOOTH ACRE: By M. Caesar Frederic, of Ghent. I would direct attention to a variety of tooth-tache which is indicative rdered state of the stomach, and f a diso which I have succeeded in relieving by the administration of ipecachuana in emetio doses. I have seen this treatme where everything else had failed, and when even the removal of the diseased tooth pro duced no effect .- London Lancet

During the search 'instituted' by the ditor of the Newark Times for female com Different kinds of exercise snit differpositors, it is reported that the following al dialogue took place:

BRISTER-"Good morning, Mr. Heng have you got any daughters that would n ngthen those especially which are too

good type-setters ?" HENFECK-"No; but Pve got a wife that would make a very fine 'devil.""

News.