

A Novel Informer.—At a trial before the Correctional Tribunal of Montpellier, on the 23rd ult., that proverbially stupid animal, a mule, turned out to be a most sagacious witness. A cart coming one day into town, drawn by this mule, and loaded with charcoal, it was discovered by the officials of the prison, that there was a small barrel in the center of each sack, which was intended to be used for surreptitious purposes. At night they laid the animal to the entrance of the village of Lavuranne, and there letting him loose, he at once galloped off gaily till he reached the door of a farmer named Paury, where he stopped a minute and then returned quietly to the stable. To strengthen this proof, the officers forced the mule to come out of the stable and to water in a place in a retired spot some distance off, and having slacked his throat, he shed again in his stable. This evidence was so conclusive, that Paury was unable to resist it, and at length confessed his delinquency, in confederacy with others. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The throne of Hanover.—The late unfounded rumor of the death of the King of Hanover has caused the question of the competency of the Crown Prince to succeed to the throne of the Kingdom to be discussed. It is generally believed that the blindness of the Prince will, according to the Hanoverian constitution, be an insurmountable objection to his exercising the royal power. This opinion is strengthened by the fact, that the Duke of Cumberland has joined in a protest, which will shortly bring before the proper imperial tribunal of Germany the important question, how far the infirmity under which the Crown Prince labors may affect his rights or powers, upon the decision of the present King. Should the decision of the tribunal be opposed to the succession of the Prince, will he be authorized to exercise his power in the most important functions of the kindly of the Duke of Sussex will then become their apparent to the crown of Hanover, and the interesting topic of Colonel d'Essex's claims to succeed his father as the legitimate heir to the throne, will be again revived. The question then will be, how far the royal marriage act of the 12th Geo. III., under which the marriage of the Duke of Sussex to Lady Augusta Murray was dissolved, being an English law, will affect the right of succession to the throne of Hanover. It would be impossible, in the present stage of the business, to speak with any certainty as to its result. It is well known that the warmth with which the Duke of Sussex formerly supported the claims of the d'Este family is now considerably abated, and it is very doubtful that he will now favor his son's pretensions to the succession of the throne. Thus has the barbarous law of George III., sown the seeds of a plentiful harvest of discord.—London Times.

Antiquarian Mechanic.—Tradition has scarcely preserved a single anecdote or circumstance relating to those meritorious men, with whom any of the useful arts originated, and when in process of time, history took a station in the temple of science, her professors deigned it beneath her dignity to record their lives and names of men, who were merely inventors of machines, or improvers of the useful arts; thus nearly all knowledge of their mode of working the metals, of their obligations to the world, of their names, which rivaled steel in hardness, of their achievements, and the antiquary weeps over the wreck of ancient learning and art—the philosopher regrets that sufficient of both has not been preserved to elucidate several interesting discoveries, which history has mentioned, not to prove that those principles of sciences, upon which the action of some old machines depended, were understood; and the mechanic inquires in vain for the process by which his predecessors, in remote ages, worked the hardest granite without iron, transported it in masses that astounded us, and used them to erect the stupendous buildings, apparently with the facility that modern workmen by bricks, or raise the lintels of doors. The machines by which they were elevated are as unknown as the individuals who directed their movements. We are almost as ignorant of their mode of working the metals, of their obligations to the world, of their names, which rivaled steel in hardness, of their achievements, and the antiquary weeps over the wreck of ancient learning and art—the philosopher regrets that sufficient of both has not been preserved to elucidate several interesting discoveries, which history has mentioned, not to prove that those principles of sciences, upon which the action of some old machines depended, were understood; and the mechanic inquires in vain for the process by which his predecessors, in remote ages, worked the hardest granite without iron, transported it in masses that astounded us, and used them to erect the stupendous buildings, apparently with the facility that modern workmen by bricks, or raise the lintels of doors. The machines by which they were elevated are as unknown as the individuals who directed their movements.

A Powerful Microscope.—A new microscope was recently exhibited in London, the powers of which are said to surpass all previous instruments. It consists of six powers. These increase the wings of the insect to twenty-seven feet in length. The search, the sting of the bee to twenty-seven feet. By the six h. each lens in the eye is 1/4 of an inch in diameter, and a field of view, eighteen inches in diameter, or four feet in circumference.

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We have received a communication inquiring some charges against Mr. THOMAS DICKSON, in relation to his religious opinions. The charges of the writer may be correct for aught we know to the contrary, but we do not believe that the question is a proper one to bring into a political contest. Every citizen has the right guaranteed to him by the constitution, to enjoy his religious opinions without molestation, and the man who would attempt to excite a prejudice against his neighbor for daring to entertain opinions different from his own on such matters, exhibits a degree of illiberality highly reprehensible. If the statement be true, we think there are but few of our citizens who will not differ with Mr. Dickson in his religious notions, but we also think that very few would desire to persecute him on this ground, if in other respects he was deserving.

We never saw such a time as the editors have for dancing just now. Hardly do we open a paper but the first article that greets us is headed "To our patrons." Then follows the direful lamentation about their services to the "cause," their debts to their paper maker, his cruelty in demanding cash &c. &c.; and most generally winds up with a threat of suspending his publication. But we open its all nonsense to talk to "patrons" now about such things—just like supping soup with a fork. People seem to have the opinion now that they may buy enough attending to their own debts, without troubling themselves about the printers.

Theatricals in Connecticut.—A person named Morris has been brought before Judge Storrs for exhibiting in Manchester, Conn., certain comedies, farces, &c., with a view of gain, and they are also charged with placing their heads on the floor and throwing up their feet, and causing certain females to exhibit themselves in women's apparel, exhibiting around swifly on one foot, with the other extended at right angles, and in a horizontal position. The Common-wealth of Connecticut is shocked at these monstrous outrages within her territory, and in consequence the District Attorney informed upon the females for having violated the modesty of an acre angle. The defendant, Morris, pleaded guilty and was fined \$600.

Pickled Females.—Mysterious.—The captain of the brig Moon, at New York, opened a barrel, which had been brought to his vessel for shipment to Augusta, Ga., and discovered the bodies of two females—one a white woman, about 25, and the other a colored woman about 40. The bodies were preserved in spirits of wine. The captain had the Coroner informed on the subject and an inquest was held on the bodies. A surgeon examined them, and was satisfied they died of disease, and the jury returned a verdict that they came to their death from cause unknown. It is supposed the bodies were intended for a section.

The celebrated Victor Hugo and his brother, who are the nephews of the late Abbe de Jumieges, have notified their intention of establishing their claim to a large amount of treasure which they are a war had been placed on board the Telemaque by their uncle.

Old Fellows.—Those who pay their debts.—N. Y. Aurora.

Texas.—Warlike Movements.—The Crescent City says that letters have been received at New Orleans, stating that the Texian troops, numbering about 700 volunteers, who had encamped at the mission of San Jose, on the Medina, had broken up their encampment, and were on their way to the Rio Grande, under the command of Cols. Cook and Howard.

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