Were yonder King of day and night, One blazing diamond of light,— The boundless space thro' which it roll'd A sea of limpid virgin gold:—

Were yonder moon to human sight, A pearl that only shone by night. Whose falling beam of splendor breaks, The breast of countless silver lakes

Were every star that decks the sky, A gem of brilliancy on high, Which Nature's God had made to tell His casket inexhaustible :

What were all these, 0 man! if wise, To give for that which never dies? Oh! ask the planets, as they roll, The worth of thy immortal soul.

THE OAKEN CHEST.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN. In Modena, in the vicinity of Riggo gate, the proud colonnade of an old palace attracts the eye of every stranger. If he walks thro' the magnificent portal, and the sumptuous state rooms where the eye is dazzled and the sense bewildered, he thinks he will retain a that he entered with wonder and amazement, and he will certainly feel a slight shudder of will alone be occupied by an oaken chest walls that have no other ornament than a wo manly portrait, which hangs over this, with carvings richly supplied, dark chest. If the which beams forth a full ess of beauty, splen-dor and youth, he will deem the room which So the room in the Orsini palac before seemed so bare and empty, sufficiently bring any other picture into this room, as none gazing on a face beaming with happiness and beatitude, a sense of satisfaction stealing through his heart, that there is on earth something that has the power to transport us into he is standing at the grave of all that is look-

magical grace and beauty. of the leveliest daughters of the noble house of Orsinis-was betrothed to one of the handsomest and most knightly princes of the old and powerful race of the Colonnas. Through hate which had existed between these two families for years, was not only ended, but changed into feelings of the warmest friendship. Loud shours of laughter and rejoicing rang through every room and hall of the proud, anagnificent palace on the wedding day; and if here and there a remnant of the former animosity still brooded, it would vanish before countenance of the young and lovely bride. disappear at the sight of the overjoyed bridegroom, o'er whose face flitted the rays of pur-

The joy and rapture of the united entered ness, and all rejoiced with them. No one could resist the serene and cheerful atmoseach one in overgushing joy sought the pleasure that best suited their tastes.

nated with a thousand variegated colored lanterns, into which above all the moon poured of the groom, wearing serious expression, appeared among the many happy groups, and in astonishment they asked him what had caused a shadew on his countenance, which in breathless suspense, not one of their slow, until they be entirely broken off. and to every guest painfully gliding seconds brought back the lost one.

wash out injuries with blood, and carry away published regularly for sixty years. with passion many a heart was pierced with dark suspicion, neither an imprecation, a murder nor cry of despair-nothing-nothing the anvil in a blacksmith's shop are more brought back the lost bride.

speed, into grief and despair. Only after Iron in any form will answer a good purpose. hundreds of years was the long-closed portal

of the house, while walking through the rooms | months, is a pretty heavy business.

on the arm of her husband, fell on the oaken

chest, standing solitarily in a large room. This old chest pleased the young woman. When she heard that it descended from a Vethat she brought it to Modena, and in which ever since the costly wedding robes of the Duchess of Orsinis were retained-the curiosity seized her to know whether after so long a lapse of time any traces remained of the rich costumes of past ages.

She ordered the chest opened. The lock long withstood all efforts; but at last the ob- and quiet vales of Lebanon. ject was accomplished. But who will describe the horror of the young Dutchess, her husband, and that of the servants who opened Gibbon calls them "a free and warlike people, the resisting lock of the chest, when they all, the Druses of Mount Lebanon," and dispatches, in the dust of decayed brocade garments.

With this stiring of pearls Count Colonna and with these rows of pearls the fair being on her wedding day fastened the orange blosrecollection of the splendor he has beheld; som with which her golden curls were entwinbut he wanders on, passes out of the houses ed. This necklace was the first terrible vestige recently diaplayed has not been thought of the over-happy bride, who once in the Orsini palace disappeared so mysteriously! dread as he casts back his glance, and his mind | This dreadful discovery was followed up which was made after so long a period of time, and which he saw in the palace. It stands in a soon there remained no doubt but that this large, spacious room, against one of the bare fresh and blooming life found death in the oaken chest.

The skeleton and the pearls were again lowered into the awful depths of this terrible glance of the visitor falls on this picture, grave, and over the same was hung the pic-

So the room in the Orsini palace is, to a certain degree, a churchyard, or vault for the ornamented; he thinks they did right not to dead. There has, 'tis true, but one spirit would be worthy to hang by the side of this suffered, this one mind endured, ere death reone. As the searching eye of the visitor sinks | leased both, and broke the bright eyes which | deeper and deeper into the blue depths of an even now sparkled through the gloomy space, expression betraying an inexhaustible source and once so happy and full of hope, looked of love and resignation, he feels by continued | fendly on the world and into the seeming gol-

Heaven; he does not feel a presentiment that name given to the State of Pennsylvania ori- bottom of this bloody business in Syria. The ginated from the influence exercised by Wil- unparaleled ferocity which distinguishes it is, ing down on him with a look of almost super- liam Penn on the Councils of England. Such in fact, rather a Turkish than a Druses charac- ble pang from a heart that was broken. terrestial splendor. The young maiden whose is not the case, as is proved in the following teristic smile Sempieri gave with such wonderful fi- extract from a letter written by William Penn, delity in the picture, smiled even more happi- dated January 5th, 1681; "This day, after tery. Some writers give them a descent ly in that hour when the painter, with master- many waitings, watchings, solicitings and dis- which partakes of the romantic. A French dash my brains out, but I felt afraid to do it. ly hand, at the request of her lover, fastened putes in council, my country was confirmed her features into the canvass, on waich they are preserved, after hundreds of years, in powers and privileges, by the name of Penn-It was on her wedding day. She was one vor of my father. I choose New Wales, being ens on one occesion, and separated from the self in bed and soon fell asleep. Just at twithough I was much opposed to it, and went to sequent reverses of the Christian army left asked. the love of these young hearts, the deadly the King to have it struck out. He said it was him enclosed as it were by the Saracen power, past and he would not take it upon him; nor and made his separation from the European could 20 guineas move the Under Secretary force perpetual. He made good his defence to vary the name; for I feared it might be however, against the Savacens, and finally, looked on as vanity in me, and not as a respect | withdrawing more deeply into those inaccesin the King to my father, as it really was."

A HIT AT HEROIC DOSES .- Dr. Oliver Wen- Druex, were in later times called Druses. dell Holmes, who seems to understand physic the smile that beamed from the charming as well as he does poetry, at a recent meeting the Davazes or Dasazes, described by the hisof the Massachusetts Medical Society, uttered | torian Elmalin. One horrible circumstance reminding one of sunshine in spring; it would this sarcasm on the American creed for medi- of identity at least exists between the two racine: "How could a people, who have a revolu- ces. It is the incredible incests which their | feelings. The gentle voice of my mother tion once in four years, who have contrived the bowie knife and the revolver, who have chew- and sisters, in ermarry among the Druses with- my obdurate heart, and I longed to throw myed the juice out of all the superlatives in the out the slightest compunction. Their precari- self on her neck; but I did not. But my the hearts of all that witnessed their happi- language in Fourth of July orations, and so ous and brief connections hardly deserve, used up its epithets in the rhetoric of abuse however to be called. The Druses divorce that it takes two great quarto dictionaries to their wives as often as caprice may dictate. phere that pervaded the beautiful festival, and supply the demand, which insists in sending our yachts and horses and boys to out-run, and a heretical offshot from the Mohammedan out-fight, and check-mate all the rest of crea-Towards evening the varied crowds of guests | tion-how could such a people be content with | es them as a set of Mohammedan separatists, rushed forth from the sumptuous parlors of anything but heroic practice? What wonder who followed a crazy and blasphemous fanatic the house, into the gardens, brilliantly illumi- that the Stars and Stripes wave over doses of by the name of Hakem, almost equally an ene- Get up, and come with me. Mother is dying. ninety grains of sulphate of quinine, and that my of Christians and Moslems, in the eleventh the American eagle screams with delight to century. Certain it is, says Volney, that they its soft and mellow light. Suddenly the face | see three drachms of calomel given at a single | have a contempt for all that Mahommedans |

CHARMED BY A SNAKE .- The Rochester, N. Y. Union relates the case of a child, two years and practice all kinds of abominations in the and borne senseless to her room. but a few minutes before beamed forth joy and of age, daughter of Mr. Davis, in that city, happiness. "I cannot find my bride !" he cried | charmed by a snake. One day Mrs. Davis hastily, and in tones betraying the anguish of found the snake in the arms of the little girl, his soul, he added, "She told me a while ago who was fondling it as she would a kitten. that she would hide herself, and in a place The mother was naturally much alarmed by that I never would think of looking for her the apparent peril in which she saw her child, or find her. She seems to have disappeared and seized a stick to destroy the reptile. The completely, not a vestige of her remaining." snake slowly retreated, showed its tongue, and They laughed at the prince for his apprehen- hissed at the mother. The child cried, and sion, and jokingly aided him in searching the begged so hard of its parent to desist. that orange grove -- but in the hearts of the most she allowed the snake to retreat to its hiding cheerful there was uneasiness, as the night ad- place. The child apparently thinks of nothvanced; the festivities drew to a close, and, ing else but her companion the snake, and, in spite of the most diligent searches, no trace | under the fascination, is suffering a physical of the bride was visible. Greater and great- decline. She now weighs but eighteen pounds. er grew the anxiety, and more eagerly were Physicians have advised that the meetings, the house and garden searched as the night | which take place as frequently as the child can shades descended; but of all the hours spent get out of the house, be gradually interrupted,

INTERESTING INCIDENT .- The death of Mr. Words of distrust were uttered by the la- Gales, says the Albany Evening Journal, rementing Orsinis; and answered with outcries vives a reminiscence of the only time his paof sedition by the offended Colonas; daggers | per, the National Intelligencer ever suspended were drawn on the ground where only a few publication. It was a warm and able advocate hours before pledges of ever lasting friendship of the Madison war policy, seconding the etwere made, and the glittering blades of swords forts of Clay and his compeers, and so powerflashed through the dewy foilage, where be- ful was its influence that when Gen. Ross, in fore brilliant eyes beamed with love and hap- command of the British troops, entered the piness. It was a frightful, terrible change !- | capitol after the unfortunate affair of Bladens-The more affecting, as during the preceding | burgh, his first inquiry was not for the Capitol, pleasures no one had the least apprehension the President's house, or the departmenta, of a rupture! But though they blamed and but for the National Intelligencer office, and it accused, though they defended themselves was the first establishment demolished, causand called on God and all the saints to witness | ing a short cessation in its regular publication. their innocency; though they endeavored to With this exception the Intelligencer has been

The scales of iron that accumulate around valuable than manure for peach trees. A shov-The place of Orsinis was closed after the elful put around a healthy peach tree will be marriage which ended so tragically; desolate very likely to keep it in good condition; and ness were changed, as it were, with lightning covered by the application of these scales.

opened by one of the descendants of the no- The first fruit of the treaty with Japan has ble race of the Orsinis, and light and air were ripened in the shape of a large exportation of at Warrenton, frankly admitted that Col. Bell once more allowed to circulate through the an excellent quality of tea and of an amount of was "as sound as himself upon the Slavery rooms that had been veiled in night and dark- raw silk estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. qustion." The whole amount of the purchases from this The closed house was restored to pleasure country of Japan productions is estimated to

WHO ARE THE DRUSES?

These rude mountaineers, whose name, a few days ago, hardly called up any distinct idea of race or locality, have suddenly been invested netian lady of nobility who allied herself with with a tragic interest, and one feels a curiosity the house of Orsinis several centuries ago, and about their history. Obscure as they have been hitherto, the Druses of Mount Lebanon have earned an indelible record, though it will be written in blood, in the history of the nineteenth century. Burnt and depopulated towns, desolated fields, orchards and gardens and heaps of butchered men, women and children, mark their destructive path around the foot of was rust-bound, and its ingenious mechanism | Mount Hermon, and down the levely slopes

The Druses have not borne hilherto a particularly bad character among uncivilized races. on raising the lid, beheld a skeleton reclining in a few words, "the little that is known, or deserves to be known' about them. The traveller Clarke, speaks of their "openness, sincerionce begirthed the lovely head of his young ty, and engaging manners." Another account bride, when Sempieri painted her portrait, represents them as "eminently tolerant living on good terms with both Christians and Mohammedans." Rude and barbarous they undoubtedly have been but the incredible ferocity heretofore to be a feature of their character. course universal maxims among savages, especially those who inhabit wild and mountainous regions. But the Druses, in this respect, have compared favorrbly with the fierce and predatory Koords, who live in the ranges of mountains faithest East, on the confines of Turkey and Persia, though still within the limits of the Turkish empire. One of the Koordish chiefs frankly admitted to Dr. Grant, their victim was of sufficient consequence to found test here, but what may this heart have be feared and even when he was too poor and weak to be an object of dread, they did not let him off without scourging. So true it is, that cruelty becomes an appetite, a demoniac delight in the sufferings of others. But the plundering profession with unnecessary cruel- him in. ty. A fact which lends strong confirmation Many persons, says the Historical Magazine, to the general belief expressed by the Euro-

The origin of the Druses is veiled in myssylvania, a name the King would give it in fa- eleventh century. Pressed hard by the Sarac- face of my mother haunted me. I flung my- rice field. The limbs with which he is then to prejudices, these replies are characteristic of a hilly country; and when the Secretary, a general army, he withdrew into the deep passes Welshman, refused to call in New Wales, I of Mount Engaddi, near Bethelem where he proposed Sylvania, and they added Penn to it, fortified himself against the enemy. The sub-

Others say that these Druses are the same as

Others suppose them to be of Arabic origin, system in the tenth century. Gibbon describ- by hearing my name called loudly, and my hold sacred. They do not practice circumby the Koran. They drink wine, eat pork, she was seized with a palpitation of the heart, eyes of strict Musselmen. The confused medley presented by their language, rites and traditions, has baffled and bewildered the most ter from the thought that she would never

50,000, while there are in Syria 250,000 Ma- brain was on fire. My sister threw her arms ronites and Christians of the Romish Church, and 350,000 of the Greek Church. Among these 600,000 Christians, the Drnses are ravening and destroying like wolves in a flock of ness, but not speech. She looked at me and sheep. To such an extent, have the Christian | moved her lips. I could not understand her populations of Turkey been dispirited and demoralized by long and cruel oppression .-Verily the yoke of Turkey is "an iron which say it with her lips, but her hand pressed entereth the soul." It is time that the yoke mine. She smiled upon me, and lifting her was broken-high time at least that the indig- thin white hands, she clasped my own within nant humanity of Christendom should demand them, and cast her eyes upward. She moved that it be no longer bound on the necks of our ber lips in prayer, and thus she died. I re-Christian brethren by Christian hands.

impenetrable to Christian and civilized influ- of youth had gone forever. ences, so long as the Turkish power remains unbroken. That empire is now like a vast ruin of some old dismantled castle, whose | think it manly to resist her authority, or yield crumbling walls and subterranean passages are to her influence, beware! Lay not up for fit only to be the haunt of robbers. That Eu- yourselves bitter memories for future years. ropean power which shall boldly demolish it and open the space at least for the erection of a new structure more in keeping with the advanced humanity and civilization of the nineteenth century, will have the approbation and the thanks of Christendom.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY .- An act passed for holding elections for electors of President and Vice President in all the States of the Union." This act fixes the election on "Tuesof the month. All the electors must be choto effect an election on the day designated.

The Augusta, Ga., Chronicle says that Mr.

and mirth, when one day the eye of the lady exceed five millions of dollars. This, for six unutterable affection at him, she is in want of ropean royalty, and a superabundance of Presa "twenty-spot."

A TOUCHING STORY.

The following affecting parrative purports to have been given by a father to his son, as warning derived from his own bitter experience of class of men who delight in tempting to ruin grieving and resisting a mother's love and the innocent and unsuspecting :counsel.

"What agony was visible on my mother's face when she saw that all she said and suffered failed to move me! She rose to go home and I followed at a distance. She spoke no

more to me till she reached her own door.
"It is school time now," said she. "Go my son, and once more let me beseech you to think upon what I have said." "I shan't go to school," said I.

She looked astonished at my coldness, but replied firmly : "Certainly you will go, Alfred, I command you." "I will not," said I in a tone of defiance.

"One of two things you must do, Alfred-either go to school this morning, or I will lock you in your room, and keep you there till you are ready to promise implicit obedience to my wishes in the future. "I dare you to do it, can't get me up stairs."

"Altred, choose now," said my mother, who laid her hand upon my arm. She trembled violently and was deadly pale. "If you touch me I will kick you," said I

To steal, and if necessary, to murder, are of in a terrible rage. God knows I knew not what I said. "Will you go Alfred ?"

"No,' I replied, but quailed beneath her eye. "Then follow me," said she, as she grasped my arm firmly. I raised my foot-oh, my son hear me!-I raised my toot and kicked her-my sainted mother! How my head reels as the torrent of

memory rushes over me! I kicked my moththat robbing was their trade, that they followed er, a feeble woman-my mother! She stagit with murder to prevent detection, where gered back a few steps, and leaned against the wall. She did not look at me; I saw her heart beat against her breast. "Oh! Heavenly Father," said she, "forgive him-he knows not what he does!",

The gardener just then passed the door, and seeing my mother pale and almost unable to Druses have not been thought to carry on their supsort herself, he stopped. She beckoned

"Take this boy up stairs, and lock him in his room," and she turned from me. Lookfor June, are under the impression that the pean journals, that the Turks were at the ing back as she was entering her room, she gave such a look of agony, mingled with the most intense love !- it was the last unuttera-

noment I found myself a pris would fling myself from the open window, and gentleman, it is said, of the noble family of I was not penitent. At times my heart was light I heard a footstep approach the door. It was my sister.

"What may I tell my mother for you?" she "Nothing," I replied.

"Oh, Alfred! for my sake, for all our sakes, say you are sorry. She longs to forgive you. I would not answer. I heard her footsteps slowly retreating, and again I threw myself sible mountain ranges, he settled a colony ou the bed, to pass another wretched and fearthere which, by a corruption of the name ful night. Another footstep slower and feebler than my sister's disturbed me. A voice called me by name. It was my mother's.

"Alfred, my son, shall I come?" she asked. I cannot tell what influence, operating at that moment made me speak adverse to my code allows. Parents and children, brothers thrilled through me, and melted the ice of words gave the lie to my heart when I said :1 was not sorry.' I heard her withdraw. I heard her groan. I longed to call her back. But I did not.

I was awakened from my uneasy slumber. sister stood by my bedside.

"Get up, Alfred. Oh don't wait a minute ! I thought I was yet dreaming, but I got up melancholily and followed my sister. On the bed, and cold as marble layimy mother. She was not undressed. She had thrown herself cission, prayers, fasts or festivals, as enjoined on the bed to rest; arising to go again to me,

I cannot tell you with what agony I looked upon her; my remorse was tenfold more bitsagacious and learned historians, who have know it, I believe myself to be her murdermade them the object of antiquarian research. er. I fell on the bed beside her. I could not These savage mountaineers scarcely number weep. My heart burned in my bosom; my around me, and wept in silence. Suddenly we saw a light motion of mother's hand; her eye's unclosed. She had recovered consciouswords. "Mother, mother!" I shrieked, "say only that you forgive me." She could not mained still kneeling beside that dear form, The Druses themselves, will of course, be | till my gentle sister removed me. The joy

Boys who spurn a mother's control, who are ashamed to own that they are wrong, who

A GOOD ONE-A Paris journal says that a Yankee was politely invited by a Chinese merchant to make him a visit at his house, and that the Oriental host overwhelmed his accidental guest with hospitality, providing for him a splendid sort of throne, in his best room, and inviting a continual concourse of friends Congress in 1845, "to establish a uniform time to pay their respects to the distinguished stranger. The house swarmed from morning till night with courteous, obsequious and admiring Chinamen, till Brother Jonathan began to day next after the first Monday in the month be abashed by the homage he received. But of November," which this year is the 6th day one day the Yankee, having picked up a rudimentary knowledge of the Chinese tongue, sen, or appointed on that day, except in the stopped, on entering his friend's abode, to peremained the halls, where pleasure and happi- it is said that trees already diseased have re- Electoral College, or where a State has failed ruse a magnificent inscription over the door, which he found to run as follows: "Here will be seen a real live North American-a species of creature rare in this country. Ad-

> THE SUMMER OF 1860 .- The present summer promises to be memorable for hurricanes, hail When a wife kisses her husband, and looks wonders, an unusual influx of Asiatic and Euidential candidates.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in a recent discourse, thus draws a picture of that large

ry the scalps he has taken in battle; there are thousands of beings, male and female, who love to carry in sight the number of victims they have seduced or corrupted to count them over and boast of their crime. There are men who love to corrupt young, who love to teach them fallacious vices, and seduce them into evil compliances, to put the leaven of perdi-tion into their souls, and wait till it begins to leaven the whole lump. They seem to have a horrible gloat of pleasure in doing this. They resist all the efforts of their victim to break away; and if he does get away they pull him

down again-and God lets such men live! Did you ever see a spider spinning his web in the corner! With what delicacy of his loom does he spin all the web! how it shines in the sun! and who has spun it all right; and after spinning it he makes himself a little hole, in which he goes back and lies in wait for a singing fly that has surveyed and philosophized the Universe. He looks upon the web, and the moment he touches it how the spider rushes out to seize him! and if he be a small in-sect, and a large spider, he will bite him and roll him up in the web; or it he be a large fly, he commences rolling up and preparing by and by to eat him; and if, for a moment the poor little fly turns to escape, how he rushes out and instantly seizes him again, and rolls him up and up, over and over, more closely than ever, and then drags him down to some

I have seen men treat men just so. They spin just such webs, and then sit in some dark corner till they wind their coils around him till he is hopelessly entangled in the web: leading him in their infernal work, and rolling him over and over again in its meskes; and if the poor victim begins to sing and buzy in his efforts to break away, how I have seen them rush out again and carry them back and utterly ruin them in their house of infamy ! WHAT WE ARE MADE OF .- The following is

from an article by Oliver W. Holmes:-"If the reader of this paper live another year, his selfhis present tenement to another, the raw mamy own room. I thought, for a moment, I | A portion of that body which is to be, will ri- developed by the islanders of Japan as by the pen in the corn of his next harvest. Another natives of the neighboring continent, their portion of his future person he will purchase, opinion was asked respecting the origin of the or others will purchase for him, headed up in | mariner's compass. The answer was the same, walk will be clad with flesh borrowed from the tenants of many stalls and pastures, now unconcious of their doom. The very organs of speech with which he is to talk so wisely, plead so eloquently, or speak effectively, must first serve his humble brethren to bleat, to bellow and for all the varied utterances of bristled or feathered barnyard life. His bones themselves are, to a great extent, in posse and not has ordered from Prof. Mapes, for his ground, greater part of his body is nothing at all but water, the main substance of his scattered the running streams, at the bottom of the well, in the clouds that float over his head, or diffused among them all."

NEVER BOY WHAT YOU DON'T NEED .- If the poor-house has any terror for you, never | ing up a large number of pieces of whale-bone buy what you don't need. Before you pay which lay in the street. The deposit was of make just as pleasant a noise by whistling, for quaint-looking gatherer how he supposed they which nature furnishes the machinery. And came there. "Don't know," he replied, in a before you pay seven dollars for a figured vest, sqeaking voice, " spect some unfortunate feyoung man, find out whether your lady-love male was wrecked hereabouts." would not be just as glad to see you in a plain one that cost just half the money. If she wouldn't let her crack her own walnuts and buy her own clothes. When you see a man pay \$5 for a Frenchified toy that a philosophic Yankee baby will pull to pieces in five minutes, the chances are that he will live long enough to realize how many cents there are in a dollar; and if he don't he is sure to bequeath out. Isn't that treason? that privilege to his widow. When a man asks you to buy that for which you have no use, no matter how cheap it is, say you are the Rocky Mountains, says that the head wasure some one else wants it at an advance. Money burns in some people's pockets, and so close together, that he at one time drank makes such a pesky hole, that everything from the Missouri, on the east side of the Rocky that is put in drops through past finding.

REPUBLICANISM IN WASHINGTON .- A Washington correspondent says a large number of Southern people are traveling Northward now through Washington, and they express universal astonishment at the strength of the Republican sentiment in the Capitol, and its toleration in a Southeren city. They are frankly informed there is some doubt of its being a Southern city any longer; that Republicans claim their intentions to simply convert it into a free national city. There is no doubt that a rapid revolution is taking place in the sentiments of the population of Washington, as it becomes better acquainted with Repuplicanism. Success to it.

Mr. Douglas has been giving it out in his recent speeches that Mr. Webster endorsed the Sqatter Sovereignty principle. Now hear the old expounder in his 7th of March speech of 1850: "Sir, wherever there is a particular good to be done-wherever there is a foot of land to be stayed from becoming slave territory, I am ready to assert the principle of the exclusion of slavery. I am pledged to it from the year 1837; I have been pledged to it again and again; and I will perform those pledges.'

An ingenious French philosopher is at present maintaining the hypothesis that the feeding of the negro races continuously on exclusively animal food, would effect their conversion into white men. He grounds his belief mainly on the fact that in some districts where a large quantity of food is consumed, the peculiarities of the negro physiognomy are considerably reduced. Guess agair, Doctor.

wife was sick yesterday, and didn't go out; Shares of stock, amounting to over \$50,000, no news-no news."

THE TRUE BLUE.

Every-body has heard the designation "truo

blue," applied to Presbyterians.

Dr. Murray, in his speech before the assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, at the tri-centenary celebration. playfully refers to

its origin: "I have often been asked why we are called "true blue." I did not know how to answer. But I asked a Scotchman. "Well" said he, "when we were persecuted, the ministers used to go to the mountains, and when they were going to have communion they held out a blue flag, which was an invitation to the people of the country around to attend; and their descendents are called true blue from that." That is one explanation, but I have found out another for myself. A few years ago I was in Naples and Rome, and went to Pompeii, where I spent some time among its splendid frescoes of variegated hues. All the other colors had faded away, but the blue was as bright as the the day it was put on, although it had been buried for nearly two thousand, years. The true blue never gave out-that is the meaning of it. (Laughter.) The blue Presbyterianism is so blue that it never gives

THE JAPANESE AND THE ETHNOLOGICAL SOCI-ETY .- The committee appointed by the Ethnological Society of New York to hold an interview with the scientific members of the Japanese Embassy have furnished their official report, from which we make the following extracts:

The subject of an embassy, alledged to have been sent from Japan to Rome, A. D. 1528, was broached. Matsmoto stated emphatically that no formal mission to a foreign country ever eccurred previous to the one of which he is a member, accredited to the United States. He observed that some 278 years ago, several young men, connexions and representatives of three princes, visited Rome, but without any

governmental authority.

As it was rumored that some members of the Embassy had become indignant on their people being compared to the Chinese, we were agreeably surprised at the candor and magnanimity of our informants, when interrogated respecting the sources whence they originally derived tea, silk, porcelain wood engraving. conscious principle will have migrated from paper, printing, and gunpowder. The answer was, uninformly, "China." As it seems possible, terials even of which are not vet put together. If not probable, that navigation was us early superior minds. They were surprised on being informed that the seamen of Europe and America are indebted to the same source as themselves for that invaluable gift of science to art.

When asked if such books as that before us (one printed in colors) were rare, the reply was they were very common, "in much plenty." The report of old travellers was confirmed, that the Japanese have what we call in esse. A bag of phosphate of lime, which he encyclopedias, or dictionaries of arts, and collections of manuals " like this, numerous, as contains a large part of what is to be his skel- it would seem, and certainly as fully illustraeton. And more than all this, and by far the ted as any modern French series; and at one fifth the cost, too-cheap as we may think the Parislan issues are. So far as regards the promembers is to be looked for in the reservoir, in | duction of a cheap and useful literature, Japan may be said to have been centuries in advance of Europe. The cost of this book was about eight to ten cents.

A Man with a rag-bag in his hand was pickthree cents for a jews-harp, see if you can't such a singular nature, that we asked the

It is believed in Washington that the disunion letter was planned for and submitted to a meeting of leading Southern meh, who are concerting a secession league an the South, and have gone so far as to appoint secret agents to asertain what will be done by foreign governments in case their plans are carried

Major Culbertson, who has just come from ters of the Missouri and Columbia rivers are Mountains, and in half an hour afterwards from the Columbia on the Pacific.

Gov. Ramsey of Minnesota has offered a reward of \$250 for the persons who, on July 20, kidnapped from St. Paul an alleged fugitive slave, named Henry Sparks. They carried him off without any legal forms or any warrant.

Many surmises have been formed about the oil found below the surface of the earth in Pennsylvania. The best out yet, is that it has been put there by Nature for the purpose of greasing the axis that the earth turns upon.

The number of officers in the regular army of the United States who have risen from the ranks is 23. It is not generally known that there is a law providing for the bestowal of commissions on deserving soldiers.

It is said that there are at present in Europe 18,140 actors, 21,600 actresses, 1,778 managers of theatres; and the number of persons attached in one way or another to dramatic establishments amounts to 82,000.

It is said that there are now running on the railways in the United States not less than 3000 passenger cars, and some 80,000 freight cars; under the whole of which some 688,000

wheels are running. The "M'Keesport snake" has been seen again. The individual who was so fortunate as to obtain a sight of the varmint estimates it to be about the length of two coal bargesor thirty-five feet.

The people of Downingtown, are making "Good morning, Mr. Grumm; what is the efforts for the establishment of a Bank, under news to-day?" "Oh, there's no news; my the free banking law passed last winter. have already been sold.

A Yankee in Panama sought shelter at the A man once asked a company of little boys American Consuls from an earthquake—he what they were good for ?—One little fellow thought even the earthquake would respect promptly answered, "We are good to make our flag.