

Raftsmen's Journal

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Select Poetry.

LITTLE AMY.

Very brightly fell the sunlight, on the golden waves of hair...

OUR BRAZILIAN RELATIONS.

It will probably prove very disgusting to our British cousins that there is going to be no disagreement, least of all hostilities...

A "WHAT-IS-IT?"

A very curious sea monster, indeed, was taken in the harbor of New Bedford lately. It is now in New Bedford, and its possessors say they will take it to Boston to exhibit at the National Fair...

Here is what Ruskin says of his countrymen: "We English as a nation, know not, and care not to know, a single broad or basic principle of human justice."

Gen. John Wilson, a well-known citizen of California, who has arrived at San Francisco, from Sonora, Mexico, with him a few curious relics, which deserve the attention of archaeologists.

KEEP BEBY.—Men who have a half dozen irons in the fire are not the ones to go crazy. It is the man of voluntary or compelled leisure who mopes or pines and thinks himself into the mad house or the grave.

A celebrated New York doctor prescribed for an old patient, "syrup of bird's nest," and wrote his prescription in the usual cabalistic characters.

THE INDIANA TREASON TRIAL.

Valandigham Implicated. INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 15.—The examination of Dr. James B. Wilson was completed to-day. It gives an interesting side-view of the false pretenses of the Rebel Commissioners of the Chicago revolutionary convalescence, and of the Chicago Convention.

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A man who never loved a pretty woman was lately seen by some Greenslanders, going round the North Pole, with an icicle a yard long hanging to his nasal organ, and a sharp nose caster after him, whistling, "Never fall in love!"

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CORRESPONDENCE OF THE JOURNAL.

Letter from Point Lookout, Md. HEADQUARTERS ST. MARY'S DISTRICT. Point Lookout, Md., Nov. 19, 1864.

By the 74 votes cast for Penn'a, 31 counties were represented—Clearfield by 5. The Penn'a vote, in the Vet. Res. Corps regiments stationed here, would have been much larger, but a great many voted by proxy.

Letter from Petersburg, Va. CAMP IN THE FIELD, Army of the Potomac, November 8th, 1864.

The 1st Penn'a Rifles (100th Vet Vol's) gave gloriously done their duty to-day. They have cast 150 votes for Lincoln, and 55 for M'Clellan—which gives Old Abe 95 of a majority out of 205 votes polled.

Now, if the citizens of Clearfield give Old Abe as much of a majority as we have done, I shall say they have acquitted themselves as men.

Letter from near Richmond, Va. HEADQUARTERS BATTERY A 1ST PENNA LIGHT ARTILLERY, in the field near Chapin's Farm, Va., November 11, 1864.

On the 22d of August we were ordered from Redoubt Conver, near Point of Rocks, Va., to in front of Petersburg, and near the Norfolk and Petersburg R. R.

Hatches, Va., which had preceded us here about three weeks, and on the 29th following, at 2 P. M. we were on the move to the North of the James.

From the 29th August, to the 27th October, the Battery was alternately in front, on picket duty, and in camp—with very little to do either place.

We had the good fortune to get rid of our second Captain (Simpson) who proved unworthy the confidence of the men, and a disgrace to the service.

Our boys gladly availed themselves of the privilege, (on the second Tuesday of October, for the first time,) to exercise the highest prerogative of the citizen—which opportunity was granted them in August last.

The Hartford Courant was one hundred years old on the 29th of October. On that day the proprietors issued a fac simile of the first or specimen number, dated October 29th, 1764.

ARMING THE SLAVES.

What a Rebel Paper says about it.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 11th Nov. in a long editorial, favors the arming of the slaves, and says: "The employment of slave soldiers was never suggested as a proposition preferable to any other, but solely as a remedy to which dire necessity might eventually drive the Confederate Government."

"If the necessity exists, then we say not 40,000 only but any number that the necessity may require should be conscripted, for negro slavery was the mere occasion, and is not the object or end of this war."

"We would respond to General Grant's 'cradle and grave' assertion with the battle shout of an army of half a million. We could encourage our own gallant soldiers by adding to their number every man that negroes could relieve, whether as teamsters, clerks, hospital attendants, garrisons of subordinate forts, as well as pioneer and engineer laborers."

"We bid the best that the negro is best off, in the right place, when he has a good master; but the negro may think otherwise, and salus populi, which induces his employment as a soldier, demand sacrifice in order to secure his fidelity."

"It has no touch of philanthropy about it, no sympathy or connection with Abolitionism. But who shall give this freedom? master, State or Confederate Government? We are wholly opposed to compensation for the negro."

A letter from Havana says that a committee of influential persons has waited on Gen. Dulee with a petition, to be presented through him to Isabel II, that all negroes be declared free after the expiration of twenty-four years from January 1, 1865.

PAT was employed at a furnace. He was ordered to take the two-wheeled cart with the oxen, and draw some iron to a particular spot and dump it.

NATURE, foreseeing that her children would be tampering with minerals, hid them in the earth, and covered them with plants and herbs as fittur for their use.

Water isn't a fashionable beverage for drinking your friend's health, but is a capital one for drinking your own.

It is right to be contented with what we have, but never with what we are.

Government pays \$75 a piece for artificial legs furnished to maimed soldiers.

The New York banks now hold about twenty-five millions in gold.

Three Roman cardinals have died since spring.