

Frightful Discovery of Crime and Conspiracy in New York.

We have already given our readers an vised them of the arrest af a genteel couned rogues-particularly that of Ashleyhas been put off from time to time, owing would escape punishment altogether.having been instrumental in bringing to community to prove this principle, and light this monstrous scheme of villany.— the inference may be swallowed in its lar-Wilson & Co's Weekly Dispatch. [gest latitude, for he became a General.— called on the Mayor, and on Mr. Foster.]

There has lived for the last few years upon Long Island, four individuals of extraordinary character, who by a chance as singular as their genius. have become to a great extent conjunctive with one another. The names of these persons are Samuel Drury, known to our readers for his terrible attempt on Mr. Warner's life; for passing counterfeit notes manufactured by Drury ; William, alias : "One Eyed Thompson," the chemist, and Junes Ar- the frightful conspiracy we are about Mr. Foster leaned back in his chair and lington Bennett, otherwise General Ben- to disclose, we will not speak further of seemed astounded. "Are you sure," said nett of the Mormon Legion --- a person hitherto supposed to have made his for. a s'etch of tune by the publication of a popular work called "Bennett's Bookkeeping."

crimes of the most atrocious character----His usual residence is at Astoria, Long appointment, he had taken a pique against from Bennett! Mr. Foster replied,

and known to fame under no less a title intend to kill him and to show that he ted with the enquiry, if he were Mr. Fos- can river, since the commencement of the dence, and has not even visited the memaccount of the arrest of a nice rogue nam- than General James Arlington Bermett, of owes them large sums of money, just as ter ! ed Drury, charged with a fiendish attempt the Mormon Legion. He is an Irishman Mr. Proctor was served a long time ago. to destroy Mr. Thomas Warner, and his of obscure birth, but actuated by an over- I write to you also because you have had family. We have likewise long ago ad- weening vanity, had interjected "Arling- one of the parties taken up and put in priston" between his original names, and as- on, which I was in hopes would have broterfeiter, named Joseph C. Ashley, who sumed to be of noble blood. He was for- ken up the plan, but it is not so, to my was caught in the act of passing counter- merly a teacher of book keeping in this great sorrow, as they have commenced feit money. The trial of these distinguish- city, but at the time of the Mormon exo- their plan and say if they stop now, they made from a letter written by Mr. Foster the lower washings, and up to the time of by the physician of the family, and thus dius from this quarter, he took up his staff will be discovered. This person is, I with the rest of the saints, and turned his learn, a Mr. Foster, a rich man, and has \$6000 mortgage. The writing of the let- around is of the most mountainous de- position to which she would be subject, if to the lenitude allowed in our criminal feet towards the new Canaan at Nauvoo. an office in Wall street. If I wrong my courts, until it really seems as though they Our readers know that the Mormon community was not the field exactly for the me for doing it, for I am acting from pure Since the arrest and imprisonment of these cultivation of the higher branches of mor- and just motives and wish to save my men, a most startling and abominable, als, and they are entitled to the inference husband the sin as well as anything else. conspiracy has come to light, in which it that a man who went among them rogue If you take measures to save Mr. Foster, this charge he remains in prison. is whispered that both of them were inter. enough to be a hypocrite, might in a short please state in your paper that the wishes ested parties. But let us relate the facts time improve enough to be a very finished of Mrs. L. is complied with and relieve as set down in the National Police Gazet. villain. James Arlington Benneft remain- me from the anxiety I endure. te, the editor of that paper, Mr. Wilkes, ed sufficiently long among the Mormon To GEORGE WILKES, Esq.,

He returned to this quarter in 1836, or Ho showed Mr. F. the letter-who read thereabouts, covered with his Mormon it with astonishment, as he declared he honors, and put up the mansion at New had not an enemy in the world. Utrecht. No one doubted his honesty, "That's not the question," said Mr. while the style of his living raised him a- Wilkes. "The persons who wish to as-

bundance of his means. His extravagant money. The principal in this diabolical habits, however, soon disposed of his sur- conspiracy, you will find to be no other Joseph C. Ashley, now under endictment plus funds, and he was forced to mortgage than General James Arlington Bennett, on his property to supply his wants. As whose Long Island property you hold a Bennett is supposed to be the principal in mortgage!

his exploits until we have given the reader he, after a pause, "that Bennett is one of 'them?"

Samuel Drury, the first of these charac- He is an American by birth, and was bred Mr. Foster, to his great astonishment, with ters, is an Englishman by birth, about for- a printer : and a love of roading improving the fact that a lawyer named Byrne, in ty-live years of age, and possessor of a more than a common mind, had made City Hall Place, had in his possession a ty-nive years or age, and possessor of a him, in a good sense, an educated man. note of \$9,600 against him for collection, Unsocial and morose from an early dis- which it was supposed came originally

ters. This building is surrounded by out grew to hate them for the gloom which the author of this note, as I think. Let us houses, in some of which he carried on they reflected on his mind, or to dispise go and see Mr. Byrne. nouses, in some of which he does not by the possessed, bowed to several of the great interiority. And both went to Byrne's office. Mr. The Cherokee made the passage out in sufficient to cover its face. The other his friends as he passed from the door to terfeiting, and in others stowed his plun. of the mass of them to himself. Fond of B. was taken by surprise, when asked to eight days and four hours, in ample time was a note for \$487, which the Professor the dock, and immediately upon receiving

offence within our knowledge, was an at- the study of chemistry, and in the course ter a moment's thought, very frankly ad- cific. offence within our knowledge, was an at- the study of chemistry, and in the course for a moment's mought, very tranking ad- chic. the note itself instead of a written receipt juit, spoke to the officer, who reconducted outgempt to murder a former partner by of his investigation evolved some rare se- mitted that he had such a note for collee-the had such a note for collee-outgempt to murder a former partner by crets from his crucibles. He produced a tion, but that owing to the manner in past 3, Thursday, Jan. 3d, with 244 pass-was cancelled. When the discovery of the notes was finement, but appears to be in the enjoy-insurance; his third, a plan of murder a very many cases. Mr Byrne further explained that a month hands, of the presenter. Note that they formed and there were many cases. Mr Byrne further explained that a month hands, of the presenter. Show and there were many cases. Mr Byrne further explained that a month hands, of the presenter.

igninst Bennett, and he has been ordered the rains. his charge he remains in prison. the most famous at the present time in the Canada, and is expected to arrive here to-If these surmises and disclosures of the Sacramento Placer. These are situated day.—Boston Herald, Jan. 17.

Police Gazette are true, these prisoners about twelve miles distant, in a northeast- The Boston afternoon papers contain

Mr. Wilkes declares with great confidence, south fork of the American river. Pie- ment of Webster: that Bennett is connected with Drury.— ces of gold, weighing from one penny- The indictment contains four counts, in Ashley's connection with Drury is well weight to ten and twelve pounds, have all of which Professor Webster is charged known. After this our rich men will have been discovered in this vicinity. The av- with murdering Dr. Parkman on the 23d to be careful who they deal with, or their erage for day laborers is said to be not less of November. In the first count the deed ives will be in danger.

gainst Mr. Foster, together with the dis- by no means rare. covery of a fradulent mortgage recently Owing to the carlier advent of the win- by some means to the Jury unknown. given by Bennett to Mr. John Anthon, a ter rains and inclement weather, than was These cover all the ways in which Dr.

considerable excitement among all classes in the mining district-the wretched con- might have been killed. of our citizens. People look back upon dition of the roads preventing supplies The Chief Justice and Judge Bigelow Ashley's fraudulent mortgage transactions from reaching the mountains reasonably. then had a consultation, as to whether the with horrible suspicions. The trials of Many persons are returning from the accused should be brought before the Mu-these men will be looked for with interest, washings in consequence of the fact.— nicipal Court and notified of the indict-

bills to Judge Edmonds, to induce that ma-jer pound, at "the mill," (Columa) for It was finally decided that he should be gistrate to take an interest in his acquittal. \$1,25. All broadstuffs are proportionate- brought before the Municipal Court at 1 The Judge gave his letter and money to Iv high.

the District Attorney. Thus the rich rogue has involved himselt in another State Prison offence-an attempt to bribe an officer

From Californía,

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP CHEROKEE. First the N.Y. Derald, January 13. Forbes, from Chagres via Kingston, Jan.

7th, has just arrived.

ter was taken out by some chemical pro-cess, and the note substituted. For this washings are said to have yielded well du- the public. forgery the Grand Jury have found a bill ring the low stage of water attecedent to | Young Parkman, son of the Doctor; who has been some time in Europe, reached to find bail in the sum of \$20,000. On The Georgetown diggings are perhaps New York yesterday, in the steamship,

rains. From the golden news is highly bers of her own stricken family.

In compiling this account from the Po-lice Gazette, we cannot see that Drury is situated nine miles above Kidwell's bar, be called upon to testify in the case. The

shown to be concerned in the plot at all. (the original discovery of gold on this fork, evidence relative to the private marks d Probably Thompson has disclosed that he was here,) has been worked during the bout the person of the Doctor, by which was engaged in it. We shall see. It has late month with immense success. The the body was was identified in its man

been shown that the note for \$2,600 was character of the gold is coarser than that of gled state, can be satisfactorily given

to Bennett in relation to the interest on the the raising, was abundant. The country Mrs. P. will be freed from the agonizing

The Parkman Murder.

are indeed a most diabolical set of fellows, erly direction from Columbia, on the the following facts in relation to the indict-

than three ounces, while instances of bag- is alleged to have been done with a knife; The disclosure of this horrible plot a- ging eight and ten ounces per diem are in the second with a hammer; in the third with his hands and feet; and in the fourth wealthy lawyer of this city, has caused anticipated, provisions have become scarce Parkman, from the evidence given in,

Since Drury's arrest, he sent two \$100 Flour is selling on Feather river at \$1,75 ment should be immediately certified up. o'clock, and be notified of the indictment.

At 1 o'clock, the accused was brought into Court, which was nearly full of spec-New and Important Facts-Arrival of tators. He took his seat in the box and Dr. Parkman's Son, dc.-It will be re. almost immediately was addressed by the

membered that during the excitement at. Clerk, who informed him that he had been tendant upon the arrest of Professor Web. indicted for the wilful murder of Dr. Geo. ster and the subsequent examination of Parkman, and that the indictment would his private desks at his residence at Cam. be certified up to the Supreme Court. He bridge, it was stated that two notes in Dr. was then remanded back to close confine-The fine steamer Cherokee, Captain C. Parkman's hand-writing had been discov- ment in jail, until discharged by due course ered. One of these notes was for \$2,400, of law. Dr. Webster appeared to be perand it is said bore on its back endorsements feetly self-possessed, bowed to several of the note itself instead of a written receipt juil, spoke to the officer, who reconducted

Editor of the Police Gazette.

bove suspicion, by its evidence of the a- sassinate you merely desire to get your

ONE-EYED THOMPSON.—This man is " "Certainly," was Mr. Wilkes's reply. of a most singular mind and disposition. Mr. Wilkes then proceeded to acquaint of the law.

Island, in a fine mansion, built by him-self, over the ruins of a former house which he burned down to defraud the underwri-at moon-light. Thus disposed, he soon will yet turn out as I expect. Bennet is

tertening, and in others stowed his plun- of the mass of the dock, and inmediately upon receiving der, in the shape of stolen goods. his first abstruse pursuits, he devoted himself to show the note against Mr. Foster; but af- to meet the steamer Panama on the Pa- alleged to have paid the Doctor, and took, the order of the Court remanding him to

jure himself in his defence ; and his fourth blas. Tea hereafter. lt. Joseph C. Ashley, the second party ad. named, resides in Brooklyn in a fine house at No. 7. Colonade Row, which he claims to own on a tile most singularly produced. buld. He was for arty a journeyman bookbind-Shore er : subsequently kept a fruit store near chante and see attention during the period while he was

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and Ashley became a visitor to her bed. in future. side. Being a professing Christian he prayed for her, but despite his unction, she died on his hands, and left him an exthe property in fee. The daughters of the deceased widow made some resistance. but as they were simpletons, their case fell through, and Ashley, confirmed in his title, disposed of the property and put the

s and proceeds in his pocket. s and Shortly after this, he figured in a transaction of still more mysterious character. interest, and Mr. F.'s lawyer threatened a lection, \$9000. eather, lionary 100 num be sold top n excellen old rounin TY acress on the ground that his mortgages were forgories, and obtained judgment to that trated plot: and protest effect. Ashley has appealed from this judgment upon exceptions, in which posi-BARN

came confederate with the Powder Fiend and as my letter to him may not have come the National Police Gazette! and conjunctive in many of his plans,— to hand and my conscience will not let me Up to this discovery the plan of the con-When he lacked means, Drury furnished rest until I have done all in my power to spirators had gone on swimmingly. They for quarters. These consist of a rule log A statement has here them, and when Drury needed aid, Ash- save the life of a fellow creature, I take had got every thing fixed to entrap Mr. ley was always ready with something the liberty of writing to you about it. I Foster, and an opportunity only was wantmore practical than prayers.

bankment about the sides, and sheltered Parkman, the write of the family of the storms by boughs of had occasionally visited the family of the storms by boughs of had occasionally visited the family of the storms by boughs of had occasionally visited the family of the storms by boughs of had occasionally visited the family of the storms by boughs of had occasionally visited the family of the storms with hims we before the storms we be stored by the storms we be stored by the store the storms we be stored by the stored b dare not give you my name, but if trouble ing to strike the blow. What made Mr. There came at length to the plans and comes to my poor husband who has been Foster still more confident that they in trees, There came at length to the plans and projects of this pair, a third party, quite as formidable as either of the two, and gifted with an audacity of mind and bear-ing that was equal to Drury's daring, and bas become very poor, having failed in to Ashley's persoverance. This man was James Bennett, the proprietor of a fine

jure himself in his defence; and his fourth the attempt to destroy the family of Thom-as Warner, Esq., of 18 City Hall Place, by an infernal machine, on the 4th of all enthusiasts in calcure, followed his form this collection against a wealthy gentleman of Chagres, and five days and 16 hours from many, and the whole tracsaction finally all enthusiasts in calcure, this city who methans had be assigned to the source of by an infernal machine, on the 4th of scenario bound in the bound in t

of life. Thus it was that he became con- would present and collect it. Mr. Byrne that arrived in the Unicorn at Panama, on Professor, would naturally serve to exon- appeal to the wisdom and humanity of Le.

posed to be leagued together in a bond to the mail carrier: Washington Market, and more laterly, he debud to Mr. Wilkes, of the Police Ga-has in a sort of spirit of retaliation for debud to Mr. Wilkes, of the Police Ga-his numerous arrests, taken to the prac-zette, for ferre ting out their crimes, and recommendation of your friend, Mr. Dor-ter, of Rutland county, Vermont, died of public, and that their true history involves to the commission of crime. The impreshis numerous arrests, taken to the prac-bringing them before the public in a way say, I enclose you the note of Mr. Foster, general debility, the result of violent diar-the whole dreadful affair in a deeper shade that will almost ensure the punishment of of New York, for collection, together with

house in Grand street of this city, fell sick now repented, and is going to be honest as to procure. "Having as an agent, several tracts of We have detailed the charges against land in different States at my disposal, I

sne died on his hands, and leit him an ex-ecutor of her affairs. In a short time, by his particulate of the diabolical conspiracy will please to send the clothes by the by his particulate of the diabolical conspiracy will please to send the clothes by the ecutor of her affairs. In a short time, by in which bonnett has been detected. In fine, to my address, at St. Louis, Mo. some sort of magic, he became possessor of his extravagant way of living, at New U- "When you deduct your commission, the property in the The daughters of the trecht, Bennett became involved in debt, &c., you will please to deposite the baland wanted to borrow money on bond & ance in any of the New York banks, and mortgage. He got \$6000 from Mr. James send me the cashier's receipt.

Foster, Jr., a wealthy gentleman living at "As my dealings with Mr. Foster have 40 Bond street, in this city, on which he been of a very agreeable character, I don't paid 6 per cent interest. It was not long, apprehend that you will have to do more however, before he neglected to pay the than present the note, or ledge it for col-

In the year 1842, there died at the Carl. foreclosure. This exasperated Bennett. In the year 1842, there died at the Carl-ton House, in this city, a wealthy gentle-man, named Proctor. A few days after his death Ashley produced two mortgages nable of assisting their friends, but yet a nable of assisting their friends but yet a (\$9000) New York, Nov. 6, 1848. on buildings in Colonade row (city of pable of assisting their friend; but yet c. Brooklyn,) and claimed payment of ten nough is known to warrant the belief that Brooklyn,) and claimed payment of ten the trio had some diabolical plan in em-thousand dollars. The money not being bryo at the time of the explosion of the Signed LANER Former In forthcoming he commenced a suitin equity, and thus got possession of the houses in Drury torpedo, at the house of Mr. Warquestion. Within a few months the heirs of Mr. Proctor, being satisfied of the fraud thus perpetrated, have prosecuted Ashley on the around that him

NEW YORK, December 6th.

Twelve months from date, I promise to pay Mr. Henry Inman, or order, hine

With great esteem, I am, sir,

nected with the rich rogues whose recent rep'ied in the affirmative, and on the 18th Tuesday, Dec. 2, they not arriving in Cha- crate him in a measure from the charge gislatures, and must touch the chord of plots (revealed by Thompson) have aston- November, the following letter enclosing gres in time for the Falcon to connect of having committed the deed, if he did it is hed the community. These four men were, for a time, sup- suit of clothes, was put in his hands by under the charge of Mr. McLean, the reast We have just learned from a source on

cently appointed mail agent for the 1sth- which we place implicit credence, that all of the Legislature to enact laws for the the circumstances attending the discovery

rhosa, contracted at San Francisco.

attention during the period while he was all except Thompson, who, whatever part my measure for a suit of black clothes of THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE GOLD MINES. in the fruit business. At that time, the all except Thompson, who, whatever part my measure for a suit of black clothes of the fam-ity circle, are among the most active and the best quality, which you will be so kind From the Atla California, December 1.

country, and the valley settlements for the ster had any paper in the hand-writing of the preservation of the family circle, and ensuing six weeks, if not for the "balance Dr. Parkman, they were not certainly in the maintenance of the family home, as

of May," there will be a greater amount evidence against the Professor any farther, and order.

of may, there will be a greater amount evidence against the rolessor any latther and order. of profitable labor accomplished than the in that direction. The next day they a-present year has witnessed; a conclusion gain visited the house on a similar errand, which is amply justified by the present and after examining other receptacles for some influence is often broken up, may indications. Upon the opening of Spring, papers and letters, without any successful not be removed or lessened. will also commence facilitated communi- result, the gentleman who was expected to cation by means, we trust, at the dispo- recognize the handwriting of the Doctor, the dismemberment of families is found in

sal<sup>\*</sup> of the post office agent in this county. suggested the propriety of again examining the pecuniary inability of the parent to We shall also be enabled to present to the the desk which had been inspected the day maintain his household establishment. readers of the Alta California more effi- previous. Although considered by the The humane and wise policy of the Sta cient and satisfactory mining information, others a futile undertaking, yet they con- many years since, provided an exemption

through a regular correspondence from sented—the desk was reopened and there from execution for debt, of sundry articles tho Placer.

To return to the latest intelligence at were the two notes. It is scarcely necessary to say that one- this time in our possession, from various How they came there no one has ex- various times, been enlarged at all times eved Thompson had disclosed the secret places in the mountains where gold washpluined, and the more we reflect on the in favor of persons being householders, of this note to Mr. Wilkes, and likewise ing is continued, the news is highly favor- subject the less we can repress the most and so as to embrace articles essential to Respected Sir—A few days ago I wrote the part which Ashley had performed.— able. The setting in of the rany season painful surmises. They must have the maintenance of the household estabjudgment upon exceptions, in which post-tion he now stands. This man, so worthy of the honor of Drury's acquaintance, be-about the attempt to murder Mr. Foster, over to the cnemy. He was in the pay of of digging in most parts; and the miners have applied for the abandonment of the honor of Drury's acquaintance, be-about the attempt to murder Mr. Foster, over to the cnemy. He was in the pay of the National Police Gazette 1 have applied for the intervening plasant area as applied the intervening plasant area as applied to the intervening plasant area as a plasant area as a set to the intervening plasant area area and to prevent the wine rest. of digging in most parts; and the intervening pleasant once so completely examined, would not cy of the law often fails of itmetilty, hy

ter quarters. These consist of a rude log A statement has been made in some of abode, wherein the place rear by the public prints to the effect that Mrs. vided family may alog bankment about the sides, and sheltered Parkinan, the wife of the lamented Doctor, the literation of the lamented Doctor, the

insurance; ins unre, a plan of instance of the passengers. She arri- that they formed another link in the icar- bly be arraigned in the Supreme Court where his treatment of cutancous diseases or so previous to his receipt of the note, ved in Kingston on Monday, the 7th, at ful chain of evidence which encompassed next week, when a time for his trial will

## Homestead Exemption.

sympathy in every good man's heart. -Up. land Union.

"While it is admittedly a primary duty sions made upon the youthful mind by the of mystery. It seems that when the offi- t entle force of parental authority and excers visited the house of Professor Web- ample, and by the associations of the fam-From the Atla California, December 1. pers a certain desk was thoroughly over enduring of the influences which control Unless the weather speedily grants a hauled-every paper was spread open and the conduct of after li.o. Much of the respite, we shall venture to "ring down minutely scrutinized by a gentleman per-the curtain" on the drama of the Golden feetly familiar with Dr. Parkman's hand-may be traced to the carly removal of its Furmer "for the season" ending with No-writing; yet not a word was discovered subject from the reach of that authority vember. The winter rains and the worn that bore any resemblance to the Doctor's and example, and from the innocent, but roads have together impeded travel to such manuscript. an extent, as will entirely cut off commu- They then relinquished the search and ever humble. The cause of morality, no nication between the Placer section of the came to the conclusion that if Prof. Web- less than the dictates of humanity, demand of the season" ending in April. Thence that desk. They then left the house en- efficient preventives of vice, and sure and forward, after the "winter discontent" tirely satisfied that it was useless to prose-shall have merged into the "merry month cute their investigation for that species of and happiness, and to public prosperity

The humane and wise policy of the State, conspicuous among all the other papers in favor of persons being householders.-

The list of articles thus exempted has, at

the household is dispersed fing the