

John James Audubon.

A few years ago there arrived at the hotel erected near the Niagara Falls, an old looking man, whose appearance and deportment were quite in contrast with the crowds of well dressed and polished figures which adorned that celebrated resort.

He pushed his steps into the sitting room, unstrapped his little burden, quietly looked round for the landlord, and then modestly asked for breakfast.

Yet, readers, there was more in that simple man, than in all the rest of the throng. He was an American woodsman as he called himself; he was a true genuine son of nature, yet who had been entertained with distinction at the tables of princes; learned societies, to which the like of Cuvier belonged, had bowed down to welcome his entrance;

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A Herd of Buffaloes.

It is said that a Yankee's ingenuity is adequate to any emergency, and whether coaxing a consulship out of Congress, or catching coons, his brain ever teems with some huge plan, to circumnavigate the globe in a mackerel smack, or convert sawdust into anti-septic pills.

After reaching the scene of operations, the hunters would select half a dozen of the fleetest horses and dash off, Arab-like, to the plain. Espying a herd, they would hold up and cautiously approach the animals, keeping well to the leeward, as seamen say, to prevent the animals from taking alarm, which they easily do when the hunter is windward.

Such of the young as were secured, would be taken back to the encampment, and domesticated by killing a calf belonging to one of the cows which they took with them on their departure from home—the cow and her young offspring, at the same time, having been fastened to a stake to prevent escape.

When the hunters had secured 37 young buffaloes, an antelope, and an elk, the whole returned again to their homes. The location of their operation was on the Arkansas, some 500 miles W. S. W. from Independence, Mo., far beyond the present bounds of civilization.

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This fearful operation has been performed by Dr. McClellan of Philadelphia, Dr. Knight of New Haven, and one other surgeon (whose name is not at command) in Western New York. It has also been performed a few times in Europe; but surgeons generally shrink from it.

It may not be improper, we trust, to conclude this account with an expression of our private feelings of relief and great gratification at the successful result of this operation; and the numerous friends of Dr. Coleman will rejoice with us, that he has had as early in his career, this opportunity to fulfil their expectations and gain a triumph than which his "dreadful trade" has none of greater magnitude to be accomplished.

From the New York Tribune.

Two Duels.

Gentlemen now-a-days find great difficulty in vindicating their honor. They see that their neighbors suspect it—perhaps some of them kindly hint that it is not in quite as good condition as could be desired.

They would fall into a grievous error. This is just no way at all, and as all honorable men will affirm—would inevitably gain them more kicks than coppers.

Col. Webb, while reclining in the arms of his friends, said that he had not then, nor had he ever had any unkind feeling towards Mr. Marshall. This, however, was not said to Mr. M., nor was it officially communicated to him, and the parties left the ground, with apparently, the same hostile feeling with which they met upon it.

Our readers are already aware that Col. Webb of this city and Tom Marshall, Member of Congress, hate each, for some time, been earnestly striving to prove—by shooting the other—that his honor was above reproach.

Our Washington correspondent on Tuesday stated that the above duel was in contemplation and would soon take place. Col. Webb called upon us on Wednesday morning, expressed indignation at such a statement and said it was unqualifiedly false!

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It was settled, however, by Mr. Marshall requesting his second, Dr. Kerr, of Washington, to yield the point. This request, however, the second declined. Mr. Marshall then, with some warmth, said, "Give it to them. Doctor—give it to them. I came here to have a shot at him, and do not mean to be baffled by trifles."

They then proceeded to decide, in the same manner as to which of the seconds should give the word, which was won by the second of Col. Webb. Thus Col. Webb had the choice of position and the giving of the word.

The preliminaries being thus settled, the principals were desired to take their positions, which they did with a coolness and alacrity surprising to every person present, each placing his left foot against a stone, so as to stand firmly, with the right leg slightly advanced towards his antagonist, and the left supporting the weight of the body.

The demeanor of Col. Webb during this proceeding was perfectly cool and collected, and when Mr. Morrell gave the word to fire, thus—"Fire—one—two—three"—the report was so nearly simultaneous, as to induce the belief with some of the spectators that the Colonel had not fired at all.

A party was then held by the seconds, and the principals not being satisfied, preparations were made for a second exchange of shots, and the weapons were reloaded and placed in their hand. The same ceremony was then gone through, without altering positions, and immediately upon the second discharge, Col. Webb was observed to wheel and stagger, upon which Dr. Kerr called out to Mr. Morrell.

The ball had taken effect in the back part of the left leg of Col. Webb, and upon ascertaining that it was not fatal, Mr. Marshall insisted on having another shot, remarking, at the same time, that Col. Webb had injured him more than all other men, and, if it were possible for him to stand, he would expect him again to resume his position.

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On our first page will be found an excellent practical tale, from the Lowell Offering, a literary publication, conducted entirely by the Lowell Factory Girls. It is of itself an able refutation of the slanders urged by the "free trade" advocates against the manufactories of this country.

The verses entitled the "Golden Ringlet" are beautiful. The authoress, Mrs. Welby of Louisville, always writes well, and in our opinion, has few, if any superiors living.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. Vallerchamp will be at Selingsgrove on a professional visit, at the beginning of July inst.

The Danville Democrat says, there is not a pound of ice in that place. Our ice houses here were all well filled with ice of the best quality. In matters of heat and cold we can rather go ahead of any place in the Union.

Henry C. Eyer of Union county, has been recommended by the papers of Perry and Union counties as a candidate for Senator, for the district composed of Huntington, Juniata, Mifflin and Perry counties.

The Provisional Tariff Bill, continuing the present tariff to the first of August next, has passed both houses of Congress.

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Latest News from Rhode Island.

We are indebted to the office of the New York Tribune, for an extra containing the latest news from Rhode Island. The Governor has proclaimed martial law. The stores and business places are all closed. Dorr is perfectly infuriated; has a force of about 700 desperate and deluded men assembled at Chepachet.

A letter to the Tribune, dated Providence, Monday, 4 1/2 P. M., says:

"Such a Sabbath as yesterday it never has been my lot before to witness in New England. Troops were parading and exercising in all directions—armed messengers and others could be met with in all quarters, and guards were posted in several places. In the afternoon about 500 men were despatched to Greenville, about half way between this city and the camp of the Insurgent Army and by this time a detachment of a like number have placed themselves between the rear of the Dorr party and the Connecticut line, (which is six miles from Chepachet) to intercept a retreat should any, be attempted in that direction.

This morning most of the companies marched out of the city towards the enemy. The force now in the field is about 3,000 men, all in fine spirits. They have about 25 pieces of artillery, including a "Paixan" gun received last evening from Boston.

A company of Rhode Islanders who reside in New York, but who have come here to aid in this noble cause, has been formed, and are armed with Colt's six-chambered rifles. About every man I meet is armed with musket, rifle or pistol.

The accounts from the Insurgent quarters represent them with about 700 men under arms, something like 200 hanging around. Desertions from them are frequent, but Dorr is represented to be perfectly infuriated, and is, with about a hundred others, as he expresses himself, "ready to die in the last ditch." The Express, the organ of the party, has given notice it will suspend its daily publication for the present, in consequence of being ordered by their landlord to remove from the premises occupied by them."

It is said one cultivator of strawberries, during the present season, sent four hundred bushels of the delicious fruit to the Cincinnati market, all of which he raised from two acres. We will match Cincinnati against the world for hogs and strawberries.

Brother D., who is said to have been the principal actor in the \$99,000 U. S. Bank bribery affair, has left this state, and now resides in New York.

There are rumors that the Cabinet of Capt. Tyler will be broken up and remodeled.

GENERAL JACKSON AND IRISH REPEAL.—The old hero was recently invited to attend the celebration of the Young Man's Irish Repeal Association, of New York. His reply has one very significant paragraph in it, and which is calculated to upset the practical results of the association. He says:

"At the same time that I express thus freely my sympathies for the noble hearted and generous people of Ireland, and my hope that the exertions they are making peacefully and constitutionally to recover the representative government may be successful, it is proper for me to say that I do so without meaning to transcend that maxim which teaches us not to interfere offensively with the internal affairs of other nations. The preservation of the principle on which this maxim rests is far more important to the good of mankind, than any benefit which can possibly be obtained by a departure from it."—Ball. Amer.

HENRY A. WISE AND THE DISTRIBUTION LAW.—The following is an extract from a speech in honor of Henry Clay made by Mr. Wise, in Virginia, in Nov. 1839:

"He (Mr. Clay) proposes his 'great Land Bill'—great I say; for all the old States especially, without injustice or injury to the new—to distribute the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among all the States, to be applied by them, as they see proper, to all the great objects of moral and physical improvement; a measure which insures equal benefits to all the States, and benefits not to be calculated in extent or value, without the least violence to the Constitution, and in exact conformity to the patriotic grant of Virginia of this heritage of domain to the common benefit of the Union."

In a speech made in the House of Representatives on Thursday the 16th, the same gentleman is reported in the Washington papers to have said:

"He might see some partial good in Protection; but he could see no good—nothing but bribery, corruption and ruin—in the Distribution Act. He wanted neither a high Tariff nor Distribution; but though he was an anti-tariff man, he would agree to give some protection, rather than retain the Distribution Act. He would rather see some portion of the country benefited, than the whole country injured."—N. Y. Tribune.

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