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PHILADELPHIA, November 18, 1842.—17. M. MASSEY.—The first quality Sugar House Molasses, only 12 1/2 cents per quart; also, a superior article of yellow Molasses for baking, only 12 1/2 cents per quart—for sale at the store of HENRY MASSEY.

THE UNLUCKY PRESENT, OR DEATH IN THE POT.

The Rev. Mr. L., minister of C— in Lanarkshire, (who died within in the present century) was one of those unhappy persons, who, to use the words of a well known Scottish adage, 'can never see green cheese but their own reels.' He was extremely covetous, and that not only of nice articles of food, but of many other things which do not generally excite the cupidity of the human heart.

Off, then, he trudged, bearing this curious little culinary article alternately in his hand and under his arm, as seemed most convenient to him. Unfortunately, the day was warm, the way long, and the minister fat; so that he became heartily tired of his burden before he had got half way home.

THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.—The dead letter department of the general post-office at Washington, is one of much importance; there all the letters and packages which are misdirected, refused, or miscarried, are sent, after being advertised for a certain time in the papers to which they are addressed; and, strange as it may seem, between one and two millions annually fail to reach their destination; say, some 5000 daily.

THE DELIGHTS OF SOLDIERING.—A volunteer from South Carolina writes home a delightful account of his military experience. He has been serving three months, and has never received a cent, and says "they have been fed on fat pork, hard biscuits and muddy big water." Alas! for the chivalry of South Carolina.

Incidents at the Battle of Buena Vista.

The Matamoros flag gives the following incident of the battle-field of Buena Vista. The heroes of it are the veteran Mississippians, under Col. J. Davis.—The heroic act is unequalled in the annals of warfare, and although no act could add to the reputation of this gallant regiment, it serves to show the stuff they are made of.

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[From the Vera Cruz American Eagle.]

EASTER SUNDAY.—On Sunday morning last we entered the church on the Plaza, and were gratified to see so full an attendance of our officers and men. In rather an obscure place, on the left hand side of the aisle, sat Gen. Scott and a number of friends.

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LIQUOR LAWS.—The Washington Union, in reply to certain statements to the effect that the Supreme Court had made no decision as to the constitutionality of License laws, says:—

"Cases have come up from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, where license laws have passed the legislature and the Supreme Court in each State has confirmed their constitutionality. The Supreme Court of the United States have decided the question at their last term; every judge upon the bench pronounced his opinion in the case; and with the exception of one point, taken by Judge Daniel, and which did not affect the general decision, the court were unanimous in their opinion in favor of the constitutionality of the license laws."

THE INDEPENDENCE EXPOSITOR states that a Mr. Thomas has almost completed his "wind ship"—a wagon to go by wind and sail, as a ship,—and will make a trip, some hundred or two miles out, in a short time. He has engaged the services of a regular sea-captain. The wagon is to carry about a hundred square yards of sail.

THE LOUISVILLE JOURNAL says:—We would think the newspapers not to call old Rough and Ready "Zachariah Taylor."—His name is Zachary. There is not much music in the name, but it is none the less appropriate for being a little rough.

PRICES IN CALIFORNIA.—We have before us a letter from a friend at Monterey, (of California,) which says that provisions of all kinds are very dear there, and if the American troops looked for should arrive, there must be something among the people, unless there should also be a large supply of food.

CALIFORNIA cannot now sustain a large population. Flour was there \$40 a barrel; tea \$3 a pound; brown sugar, 50 cents a pound; and common domestic cotton, such as was sold here for sixpence, is there charged at 50 cents a yard.—U. S. Gazette.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—The Key West Gazette, speaking of the insecurity of the prison on that island, relates the following strange story.—Some years ago, a seaman by the name of Sherwood, accidentally shot a shipmate on a fourth of July, and was placed in this jail to await his trial. The main door had no lock or bolt, and Sherwood roamed abroad when he pleased, but made it a point of honor to keep in the prison. His friends vainly urged him to go off; and the jailor, finally getting tired of being bored, swore that he would have to go, for he could not feed him any longer, as he did not believe him guilty. Sherwood begged hard to remain, and promised to work for the jailor to pay his board. Upon three terms he was suffered to remain in prison, working daily, for his keeper until his trial came on, and he was finally hung. Here was an honest Key West criminal; he did not deem himself guilty, but was perfectly willing to be hung if the community desired it. He was hung; as no other one has ever applied for capital punishment here since, none has been inflicted.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE.—Under the obituary head in to-day's paper will be found the death of Mr. Jacob Reese. There are circumstances connected with his decease which, whether you term them the effects of a disordered imagination, or view them as actual presentiments, present some very singular points for the mind to dwell upon. We will state the facts as they were related to us; our readers can draw their own inferences.—On the day of his death Mr. Reese was engaged in seeding oats, and towards evening he was startled by a voice, apparently at his elbow, saying—"You may sow, but you shall not reap!" He looked around, and seeing no one, continued his work of seeding, attributing it, as he afterwards stated, to his imagination.

At every step, however, the warning was repeated, and at last unable longer to bear it, he proceeded home to his wife. He was persuaded by her that it was only his imagination, and finding that he had no fever, and did not complain of unusual indigestion, she induced him to return to the field. There, however, the same solemn warning voice attended him at every step—"you may sow but you shall not reap!"—and in a state of extreme agitation, he again ceased work and went home. He then took an early supper, was shortly after attacked with swelling in the throat, and before sunrise next morning was a corpse.—Centerville, Queen Anne's Co., Md. Times.

THE CELEBRATED AGASSIZ, stated, in a recent lecture, that in descending the glaciers it was not unusual for the guides to slide down upon their backs for half a mile or more, at a very swift rate, and thus to shoot over chasms of twenty-five and thirty feet, beneath which yawning gulfs of five hundred feet in depth. A contemporary observer that they must have worn a little of the nap from their pantaloons.

THE LIGHT ARTILLERY.—In allusion to the high distinction the Light Artillery has gained for itself in Mexico especially at the battle of Buena Vista, the Charleston Mercury says:—This arm of the service owes its creation entirely to Mr. Pinnett, who had to encounter, as we have understood, a great amount of opposition, and no little ridicule, in the course of his experiment. The very law on the authority of which he acted, (passed in 1845,) was nearly unknown, and he had so little reason to count on the approval of Congress, that he asked for no appropriation to meet the expense of organizing the first companies. The practice of horse artillery at West Point, and the riding school, so essential to support the efficiency of this kind of artillery, were also introduced by Mr. Pinnett.

One of his recommendations, most warmly but vainly urged, was for the formation of a corps of sappers, miners and pontoniers. General Taylor wrote after the battle of Buena Vista, "If I had had a pontoon train, I could have captured the whole of Arista's army!"

THE TROOPS ENGAGED AT BUENA VISTA.—The official return of the troops under his command, which accompanies the letter of General Taylor, shows that there were eighty companies in the action, on the American side, divided as follows: In general staff, 41; 1st Dragoons, 133; 2d do, 76; 3d Artillery, 150; 4th do, 117; Arkansas Cavalry, 479; Kentucky do, 330; 2d Kentucky foot, 571; Mississippi rifle, 368; Indiana brigade, 1258; 1st Illinois foot, 580; 2d do, 573; Texas volunteers, 61; McCulloch's spy company, 27—total, 4738. Of whom there were sick or under arrest, 862—leaving engaged in the action, 4377.

The good people of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, express themselves entirely satisfied with their share of sleighing, having had good sleighing up to Saturday last, a period of one hundred and fourteen days.