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FIRE.—The alarm on Tuesday night was caused by the burning of an untenanted frame building in Fifth street below Locust.

THE SCIENTIFIC MECHANIC.—This paper, recently commenced in New York and Washington, by Rufus Porter, Esq., is one which we can freely recommend to all intelligence seeking scientific and practical mechanics.

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We learn from the Harrisburg Union, that the new bridge at Harrisburg has been completed, and was opened for general travel on Monday last.

ANOTHER TREATY OF PEACE REMEMBERED.—The New Orleans papers furnish the intelligence that negotiations for peace are going on swimmingly, and that peace may be shortly expected.

The principal articles are that the U. States restore to Mexico the California, and all the ports, cities and towns that the American forces now occupy.

This is probably an offer on the part of Mexico, which will hardly be accepted by our government.

MELANCHOLY FUN.—A poor fellow who has lost one hand, made a world of sport for the idle boatmen at the Basin, one day last week.

Lighting by Electricity.—A Mr. Staitie has secured a patent in London for rendering light available by electricity, a subject to which we have frequently directed attention through our columns.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.—We copy from the Delta a list of killed and wounded officers and privates, in the various divisions and brigades of our army, in the late battles before the city of Mexico.

A clergyman in the north, very homely in his address, chose for his text a passage in the Psalms: "I said in my haste all men are liars."

A Vermont farmer has obtained a patent for a pocket telescope that will bring cows trespassing in his cornfield so near, that he can shoot them with a pocket pistol.

Somebody advertises in an exchange paper a lost wallet, "belonging to a gentleman named of old skin."

Tom. Corwin—Practical Legislation.—Judge H—, an old and respectable citizen of Franklin county, related to us some years since the following anecdote of Gov. Corwin, which we do not recollect to have ever seen in print.

At the time the "Wagon Boy" was first sent to the Legislature of the good people of Warren, he found a law on the Statute book providing for the punishment of certain offences by public whipping.

This bill met with considerable opposition from the "Old Hunkers," among whom was one old gentleman from the Western Reserve, who was particularly horrified at the idea of repealing what he termed the wisest and most practical enactment in our whole criminal code.

Corwin made an eloquent speech when the question of engrossment was before the House, appealing to the members as Christian Legislators and enlightened freemen of the nineteenth century to come up and erase this relic of the dark ages from the Statute Book of the State of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker.—In the gentleman from Warren has said is well enough in its way. I am glad to see the young men of our State growing up inspired with these feelings of philanthropy which the gentleman has so eloquently given utterance to.

The old gentleman sat down satisfied that his "practical illustration" was a clincher, and would kill the bill. Corwin arose very gravely, and remarked:—

I have often endeavored Mr. Speaker, to solve the question why there was such immense emigration from Connecticut to the West, but always in vain, without success. The gentleman has explained it to my entire satisfaction.

The precipitation of metals by Galvanism, or Electrotyping, was the subject of conversation at a late meeting of one of the Scientific Societies of New Jersey, the proceeds, as described in the Newark Advertiser, is as follows:

The original, and very simple method of effecting the precipitation is to have a vessel with two apartments, the division being made of a piece of leather, or any porous substance: into one apartment pour a weak solution of sulphuric acid and water, and into the other a saturated solution of copper (blue vitriol).

Then place zinc, fastened to a piece of copper wire, into the acid, and upon the other end of the wire fasten a coin, or any article to be copied or coated, and bend it over so as to rest in the solution in the other apartment.

The metal will gradually be precipitated upon the coin, and in a short time will form a thick copper scale, having a perfect copy of the face of the coin. If any part of the coin is varnished or covered with wax, the metal will not touch that part.

Lighting by Electricity.—A Mr. Staitie has secured a patent in London for rendering light available by electricity, a subject to which we have frequently directed attention through our columns.

Mr. Faraday, the English philosopher, made an improvement by which any metal may be precipitated, and Mr. Cornelius, of Philadelphia, a lamp maker, has also made some improvements by which he gilds and silvers his articles in such a manner that they can be burnished.

Platina has been also precipitated, and those wishing a metal not vulnerable to acids, can, by coating it with platina, prevent it from being acted upon, even by concentrate nitric acid.

The group of gentlemen gradually collected round the organist, and ever as the tune ended, they bowed respectfully to the window, and called out, "more if you please!"

One whom I knew for the kindest and truest soul, passed round his hat; hearts were kindled and the silver fell in freely. In a minute four or five dollars were collected for the poor woman.

A gentleman writes that he dined at the St Charles Hotel, New Orleans, with but one other person at the table, so thinned off is the population by fear of the epidemic.

DELIRIUM TREMENS TREATED BY INHALATION OF ETHER.

BY J. B. UPHAM, M. D., BOSTON. Communicated from the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.

William Perry, an Irishman, 48 years of age, is of sanguine temperament, strong, and robust frame, and has generally enjoyed firm health.

At that time he showed no indications of delirium tremens, with the exception of slight tremors, manifested particularly about the hands.

During the following twenty-four hours the patient showed all the usual symptoms of delirium tremens in a marked degree. He slept none, but walked the floor without intermission, talked disconnectedly, and as is usual in like cases, busied himself in the performance of imaginary tasks.

The patient was very refractory, and required to be held by assistants, in the meanwhile struggling, raving and cursing. After inhaling the vapor for the space of ten or twelve minutes, he appeared quiet, and was thought to be fully under the etherical influence.

The process was repeated, and continued for ten minutes more, at the end of which time the patient was brought fairly under the desired influence, and fell asleep.

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FALL OF METEORIC STONES IN IOWA.—From the last number of Silliman's Journal of Science, we copy the following letter from Rev. Reuben Gaylord, of Hartford, Des Moines Co, Iowa, to Charles U. Shepard, Professor of Chemistry in Amherst College, Mass:

On the 23th of February, 1847, at about ten minutes before three o'clock in the afternoon, the attention of the people in this region was arrested by a rumbling noise as of distant thunder; then three reports were heard one after another in quick succession, like the blasting of rocks or the firing of a heavy cannon half a mile distant.

Two men were standing together where they were at work; they followed with their eye the direction of one of these sounds, and they saw about seventy rods from them the snow fly. They went to the spot. A stone had fallen upon the snow, had bounded twice, the first time as supposed about eight feet, and the second time about two feet.

The stone weighed two pounds and ten ounces.—The persons heard another stone strike as it fell, supposed to be small, but they could not find it. Some time in the spring another stone was found about one mile and a quarter west from the place where this fell.

The principal ingredient in their composition seemed to be sandstone. They are full of minute brilliant particles, and occasionally a small lump of some metal is to be found.

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ABDICATION OF KINGS AND EMPERORS.—Through-out the history of Europe there never existed similar examples of so many sovereigns threatening to resign their thrones as at the present moment.

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