

GENERAL TOPICS.

BYARD TAYLOR thinks that what looms round a bar-room is to the body, the humorous writing which turns suffering and death into derision is to the mind.

NEVADA is full of gold, but it does not average very well for agriculture. It has one desert which alone covers 30,000 square miles, and the mountain districts are nearly all unfit for cultivation.

THE papers relate an anecdote of a beautiful young lady, who had become blind, having recovered her sight after marriage. It is no uncommon thing for people's eyes to be opened by matrimony.

UTAH now contains 90 mining districts and some 10,000 people engaged in mining. The mines and improvements are valued all the way from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000, and the annual yield of lead, silver, and gold has reached \$5,000,000.

As a matter of personal interest the New York Commercial Advertiser prints the following "Inauguration day (March 4) falls on Sunday in the years 1821, 1849, 1877, 1917, 1945, 1973, 2001, 2029, 2057, 2085, 2125, 2153, 2181, 2221, and so on."

A CHINAMAN, arrested in San Francisco the other day, was found to have on a coat of mail made of cloth, cotton batting and paper, thick enough to turn a knife or a bullet. It also had pockets for knives and hatchets, and rings to hang an iron bar on. John has more true inwardness than he gets credit for.

A DISPATCH says that more hog cholera is now prevailing in Jersey county, Ill., than ever known before. It is estimated that \$100,000 worth of hogs have died since the first of the month, many farmers losing from \$500 to \$1,000. Owing to the excessive warm weather, there is no market for swine, and five cents gross is the highest price paid.

A PARTY of San Francisco adventurers who lately left their country to prospect the gold fields at Catapilco, in Chili, have been heard from; and a Chili paper, of August 11, states that the results of the works thus far yield from \$40 to \$60 gold per week to each man, with a prospect that these amounts will be doubled or trebled before long.

THE will of Wright A. Bingham, of Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa., who died recently, after bequeathing about \$20,000 to relatives and charitable purposes, leaves the bulk of his estate, amounting to over \$100,000, to the township of Upper Province, and the boroughs of Pottstown and Norristown, in proportion to the population of each, to be invested in building houses of moderate size, to be rented at low prices to poor families.

WHEN Seth Green, the fish culturist, a few years ago, put some shad fry into a river flowing into Lake Ontario, he advertised that he would pay \$25 for the first one taken from the lake weighing not less than two and one-half pounds. A lucky fisherman living at Sodus Point, New York, caught a shad in the lake a few days ago weighing four pounds, and has forwarded it to Mr. Green, along with the proper affidavits.

A HENRY CLAY banner that was unfurled in the Presidential campaign of 1844 has been on exhibition at the Union League club-house in Philadelphia. It is made of fine blue silk, and is twelve feet high. On one side is a portrait of the "Mill-boy of the Slaashes," and on the other are the coats of arms of the States arranged in a circle. The staff was by Henry Clay himself, at Ashland and the banner was presented by the Whigs of Baltimore to the Whigs of Delaware.

An editor who wrote an amusing sketch of the manner in which a woman reads a newspaper, omitted one important particular. It is a remarkable fact that if an item happens to be clipped out of a paper, the woman loses all interest in everything else that is in that paper, and concentrates her attention on the item that isn't there. She will exhaust herself in efforts to guess what could have occupied that empty space. Then she will wonder who cut it out and why it was cut out, and ten to one its absence will engender some horrible suspicion concerning her husband. Finally she will throw down the sheet with the declaration that she can't take any interest in a newspaper when the only thing she wanted to read has been cut out.

THE anxiety in Sheffield about their trade with America is founded upon very good reasons. It appears that during the three months ending September 3rd, their exports to this country their exports fell off over \$250,000 compared with the corresponding period of 1875, the decline having been from about \$815,000 to about \$665,000. The previous quarter this year exhibited a decline of almost precisely the same amount, \$250,000, and this sort of thing has been going on steadily for four years past. The decline is in three of the chief branches of Sheffield industry—steel, cutlery and files. In the tool trade heretofore showing an equal decline, the export this year shows a slight increase. If this decline goes on much longer the entire Sheffield export trade to America will be annihilated, and for the reason as plainly stated in a London contemporary, that Americans are now manufacturing their own steel, cutlery tools, and all kinds of hardware.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE EAST.

At the N. Y. Stock Exchange here railroad and miscellaneous shares are 1 1/2 higher than at the close on Monday, the 6th inst. It is to be said, however, as in part accounting for the higher prices for shares, that the Stock Exchange firm of Kisson & Co. soon after the opening of business met the Stock Exchange of their suspension.

The President and Mrs. Grant were in Philadelphia during the election, Philadelphia Day (9th inst.) at the Centennial was marked by a large attendance, notwithstanding the political excitement.

Tax bark Norma, arrived at Philadelphia on the 9th inst., reports that on November 4, in latitude 22, longitude 21, north; longitude 62, latitude 2, west, she passed a large man of war heading west, apparently in distress; supposed to be the Franklin.

THE Titusville (Pa.) Producers and Manufacturers Bank closed its doors on Nov. 6. There had been a run on the bank during the past week in consequence of the failure of the Pennsylvania Transportation Company. Assets of the bank considered ample to meet all liabilities.

DURING election day all banks, exchanges, courts, and United States offices were closed in Milwaukee. Mails were closed at the postoffice at 10 A. M.

In matter of application of Mrs. Beloa A. Lockwood for admission to practice as an attorney and counselor of the supreme court, the chief justice announced as the decision of the court that none but men were admitted to practice before it as attorneys and counselors.

SINCE the passage of the act providing for the redemption of fractional currency in subsidiary silver coin there has been paid out by the treasury in these coins \$21,877,211. Of this amount \$7,669,599 has been paid out on checks and in exchange for legal tenders, and \$12,926,812 has been paid out for fractional currency, and that amount of fractional currency has been destroyed. The amount of subsidiary silver coin on hand at the close of business October 31 was \$1,584,085.

The committee appointed last winter to co-operate in bringing evidence before the Advisory Council Commission have passed the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The report of said committee indicates that there is no substantial ground for believing in the guilt of Mr. Beecher, be it, therefore, Resolved, That we, as an association regard our brother as worthy of our confidence and love, and expressed to him our sympathy in the severe trial through which he has passed.

THE entire front of the residence of Augustus Supple, in Rondout, N. Y., was blown out on November 1st, at 3 A. M., by a charge of powder placed in the window by some malicious person. The occupants of the house were uninjured.

THE WEST.

A most dastardly attempt was made on the 7th at Springfield, Ill., to steal the bones of President Lincoln from the cemetery vault. The plot was suspected, some time since, and Elmer Washburn, United States Detective Tyrrell and assistants watched the vault. The soundrels broke into the outer and inner doors of the vault, opened the several cases of the sarcophagus, and were about to make off with the remains when the detectives sprang out. The accidental discharge of a pistol alarmed the robbers, and they fled precipitately, escaping in the darkness. A slight clue of their identity remains and their capture is probable.

MOONEY and Sankey continue to re-attach the embargo in Chicago which they first aroused in the revival cause. The funeral services of Gen. Giles A. Smith were held at Bloomington, Ill., on the 8th inst., at the Methodist Church.

THE total cost of the new capital building, at Des Moines, Iowa, so far, has been \$1,022,905.

At a meeting of the Chicago Bar Association, on November 4, a resolution was introduced recommending the appointment of a committee of thirteen to investigate the conduct of Judge McAllister, in connection with the recent Sullivan trial. After some debate, the majority, but not without considerable opposition, thinking that action at this time would prejudice the second trial of the defendant, decided that action on the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

L. B. SPRAGUE, a well known stock farmer near Springfield, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are \$40,000. His assets cannot be accurately stated at present.

THE contract for the construction of a new water reservoir in Louisville was awarded to a home firm at a cost of \$135,000 the same to contain 100,000,000 gallons of water.

THE Chicago and Southwestern Railroad has been sold under a foreclosure decree at Des Moines, Iowa, to the Iowa Southern and Mississippi Northern Railroad Company for \$1,671,500. It will remain in the control of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific company.

FOREIGN.

THE district of Backergunge, Hindostan, has been ravished by a cyclone, and thousands of native houses destroyed. The town of Dowlutshan was submerged by waves and five thousand persons are believed to have perished. The Government has sent relief to the desolated seacoast.

Tax Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon the Presidential election in the United States, says: We think it is crazy or calumny to assert that Tilden, so distinctively a representative of the business men in the Eastern States, will extend any favor to the crude projects of the inflationist, or to the unskillful and dishonest repudiation.

A cable special to the Herald says the Turkish fleet was about to enter the Black Sea, and will take up a position off Siope and Trebizand, both of which are Black Sea ports, and have been recently fortified. If this occurs, the history of 1853 may be repeated, for it will be remembered that it was off Siope that the Russian vessels were destroyed by the Russian fleet under Nakoff, with a loss to the Turks of about 4,000 men. This act on the part of Russia made the Crimean war inevitable. The advance of the Turkish fleet into the Black Sea may fire the mine which all Europe is shuddering to see exploded.

The man-of-war Nelson, of 7,000 tons displacement, 6,000 horse-power, and 20 guns, was launched at Glasgow on the 5th inst.

The Post in a leader announces that England has proposed a conference at Constantinople. The conference is summoned on the basis of the integrity and independence of the Ottoman empire. The programme will be identical with Lord Derby's peace proposals, the powers participating will be required to pledge themselves to renounce the selfish objects of territorial aggrandizement.

The Kiva correspondent of the Standard says the Porte, yielding to the demands of Russia, has agreed to relinquish the positions captured by the Turks since the night of Oct. 31. Hence the evacuation of Deligrad.

CONTRARY to the prevailing reports no correspondence has recently passed between the government of the United States and

Spain concerning an extradition treaty. There is now no serious subject of controversy between the United States and Spain, the latter having in a spirit of friendship acceded to the views of the former for the trial of American citizens in the Island of Cuba accused of crime before civil tribunals. A Vienna dispatch says except Germany, which probably will not interfere, all the powers have pointed commissioners for drawing the line of demarcation, Turkey and a majority of the powers think the line should be fixed by the positions actually held by the opposing armies when the armistice was agreed to, but Russia seems disposed to ask the Turks to withdraw to the frontier.

An agreement has been arrived at in the committee bill in the French Chamber of Deputies. Its nature is not yet stated. Deceases have been issued pardoning or commuting the sentences of fifty-two communists.

BULLION in the Bank of England has decreased 2153,000 for the week ending Nov. 2. Proportion of Bank of England reserve to liability is 544 per cent.

The Serbian Government has instructed Gen. Tolernayff to send a flag of truce to Abdul Kerim, the Turkish Commander-in-Chief to inquire whether he has been notified of the conclusion of an armistice.

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THE Duke DeCeres has declared officially before the budget committee that France intends to maintain absolute neutrality in the event of complications in the east.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

THE steamer Arlington sank at Cumberland Island Dam, near Cincinnati, on the 9th inst. She is valued at \$24,000; insured for \$16,000 in Cincinnati and Pittsburg offices.

A SPECIAL from Annapolis, Ind., says deputy sheriff Benjamin Leech was shot and killed by a colored man at the polls in the Eighth District of Anne Arundel county, on the 17th inst.

MADISON barracks, at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., was partially destroyed by fire on the 6th inst. The fire broke out in the officers' quarters and was confined to badly damaged. The quartermaster's papers were all destroyed and a large amount of property, loss estimated at \$50,000. No insurance. Cause of fire unknown.

A DISPATCH from Monroe, La., says a large body of armed negroes entered that city Sunday night, November 5, secured their arms and remained here. The mayor issued a proclamation commanding them to take their arms and return home. They were about to comply when Hamlet, negro sheriff, collected about 300 negroes in the city limits and advised them not to obey the mayor's proclamation. The negroes took the sheriff's advice and concluded to remain. They say they will have another company join them to-night.

A body of Peter Cassidy, an Irish laborer, was found lately in a hog-pen near a dwelling-house, in the village of Utica, Ill. When he was last seen he was under the influence of liquor, and the supposition is that while in that condition he got into the pig-pen and died of exposure, the night being very inclement. He was between 40 and 50 years of age.

A DISTRESSING accident occurred to the eastern train on the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad Nov. 4, near Edmundson, Tenn., caused by the last forward truck on the s'p'ing-car dropping down and throwing it over a trestle and pulling the next car off with it, and piling the passengers up in a promiscuous heap. Francis Moore, formerly of Canada but for a short time since living at Bledsoe's Landing, Ark., was so badly injured that he died within half an hour. An infant child of J. T. Eggleston, of Mississippi, was fatally injured; J. J. Barnes, of Bowling Green, Ky., severely injured, being out in the face, and shoulders and hip bruised; Mrs. John G. Walker, of Arkansas, rib broken and severe injuries. Some fifteen others were slightly wounded.

A FOUR-WHEEL local passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked November 2, south of Linden depot, by running into two freight cars detached from a preceding train, and left standing on the track. The locomotive turned upside down and the first passenger car ran over it and split in two. The freight cars were demolished. Jacob Elliott, brakeman, received fatal injuries. A fireman named Vander-fal has a severe scalp wound, and several others were slightly injured.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat's special from Kansas City says that reports have reached there of the lynching of two horse-thieves, named William Fulton and Hurdley, in Wyandotte, Kan., on Sunday morning, October 29, by a vigilance committee.

SOON after the dark, on November 1st, Myron Emery, a lad of 17, was seized, near his home, at Woodstock, Vt., by three masked men, and bound, gagged, and dragged two miles to Silver Lake, and thrown in. The men fled, and Emery managed to free himself and got ashore, where he was found completely exhausted and insensible. The perpetrators have not been discovered and no cause can be assigned.

MARY Gibson, alias Mary Hawson, has been arrested at Philadelphia on a charge of swindling Samuel W. Garrison. She obtained from him the sum of \$140,929 by representing that a relative in Germany had left her a bequest of \$700,000 which she had deposited for safe keeping in the hands of Cardinal McCloskey.

A REPORT from Camp Staunbach, Wyo., says a village of fifty ledges of Shoshones was attacked, Oct. 3, by a large Sioux war party, estimated at 1,200 lodges, at Painted Rock, near the scene of Capt. Bates' fight in July, 1874, and about ninety miles from Camp Staunbach. As far as learned, only one Shoshone, by the name of Humpty, escaped, who was the Indian that saved the life of Capt. Henry in Crook's second fight this summer.

WASHINGTON.

WEDNESDAY, November 8, has been appointed U. S. Marshal on the Kentucky district.

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There is now no serious subject of controversy between the United States and Spain, the latter having in a spirit of friendship acceded to the views of the former for the trial of American citizens in the Island of Cuba, accused of crime, before civil tribunals. Dr. A. G. Long, for several years an Indian delegate in Washington and widely known in the city and the South, as a member of the Chickasaw Senate, died at Tishoningo, capital of the Chickasaw nation, Nov. 4.

THE ELECTION.

Samuel J. Tilden Probably Elected President.

WASHINGTON, November 8.—The city to-night is in a furor of excitement, which has been continually growing in intensity since the receipt of a dispatch throwing some doubt upon the result of the presidential election. Previous to the time the success of Tilden and Hendricks being almost universally conceded, private manifestations of disappointment, gloomy dejection and alarm were very prevalent among the thousands of government employes in the executive departments, but after noon reports inspired fresh hope among them and in the minds of Washington Republican generally, and have had the effect of crowding the streets in the vicinity of all news centers throughout the evening until nearly midnight. Members of both parties give free expression as to doubt of the result, while patiently, though with intense anxiety, awaiting further returns.

NEW YORK, November 8.—The World furnishes the following estimates of the electoral vote:

For Tilden—Alabama 10; Tennessee 12; Arkansas 6; Connecticut 6; Delaware 3; Florida 4; Georgia 10; Indiana 15; Kentucky 12; Maryland 6; Mississippi 8; Missouri 13; New Jersey 9; New York 35; North Carolina 10; Texas 8; Virginia 11; West Virginia 5. Total 188.

For Hayes—Colorado 3; Illinois 21; Iowa 11; Kansas 5; Maine 7; Massachusetts 13; Minnesota 5; Nebraska 3; New Hampshire 5; Ohio 22; Pennsylvania 29; Rhode Island 4; Vermont 5. Total 133.

The Tribune believes that everything hangs on Florida, and that the Republicans have carried that State, and that the College stands, Hayes, 185; Tilden, 184. The Tribune's Washington special says the Republicans have probably carried North Carolina.

The Times declares Hayes elected, giving him 185 votes. The Herald considers that Florida will decide the election, and considers it a doubtful State.

NEW YORK, November 8.—Specials to the Times states that South Carolina has gone Republican by 10,000 majority and Florida by an increased majority over 1875.

The Tribune has a dispatch from Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, claiming the State for Republican by 15,000 majority. The Tribune's Florida special gives the State to Republicans. Both papers claim the election of Hayes by a majority. There is intense excitement existing in all circles, and streets in the vicinity of news centers are almost impassable.

S. M.—Latest dispatches from Florida seem to indicate Democrats have carried the State by 2,000 majority. Republicans claim the election by 500 to 1,000 majority.

Democratic general committee in New Orleans, to-night claim Louisiana Democratic by 10,000 majority.

THE LATEST RETURNS.

The following will show the result in the various States, so far as heard from. Voting, Florida, has been received from South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana:

Arkansas. Scattered returns from all parts of the State indicate a majority for Tilden and Hendricks of 20,000. All of the Congressmen are elected with the exception of the Third, where two Democrats and one Republican are running.

Alabama. Late returns indicate a majority for Tilden of 25,000. The Democratic Congressmen from the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Eighth districts are elected, and the contest very close between the two rival colored candidates from the Fourth District, Haralson and Raper.

California. California goes Republican by from between 2,000 to 5,000 majority. The Republicans are conceded to have elected two out of the four Congressmen.

Connecticut. The Republican majority in the Connecticut Legislature is 37 on joint ballot, the Senate standing 19 Republicans to 10 Democrats, and the House, 141 Republicans to 105 Democrats. The Congressional delegation remains as in the present Congress. The State is put down at 3,000 for Hayes and Wheeler.

Delaware goes Democratic by 2,600 majority.

Georgia. Georgia sends an unbroken Democratic delegation to Congress. The majority for Tilden is about 75,000.

Illinois. The Republicans gained two Congressmen in Chicago, the delegation now standing Republican 10; Democrats 9; against Republicans 6; Democrats 13. La Moine was defeated. Hendricks is elected, Colton elected Governor over the combined Democratic and Greenback vote. Hayes' majority throughout the State will reach 20,000.

Indiana has gone Democratic by 15,000 majority. Three hundred townships show Hayes' majority to be 700—a Democratic gain of 700. The majority is already 7,000, and the townships yet to be heard from poll over half the vote of the State.

Iowa went for Hayes and Wheeler by 50,000 majority. Nine Republican Congressmen are elected.

Kansas. The state gives Anthony (Rep.) for Governor 15,000. Hayes and Wheeler have 25,000 majority. The Congressmen are almost solely Republican.

Kentucky goes for Tilden and Hendricks by 75,000 majority. The Democrats electing Congressmen in every district. In Louisville the Democrats have gained 4,000.

This state goes Republican with reduced majorities. It goes for Hayes by over 5,000, his plurality being 5,086—a loss of 55 votes.

Maryland. Democratic gains are reported throughout the state, giving it to the Democrats by probably 15,000.

Massachusetts. The Republican majority in this state is placed at 40,000. Rice (Rep.) is elected Governor and Eight Congressmen.

Returns from 322 towns, all but eight small ones, give Hayes 143,912; Tilden 165,536; Rice, 131,480; Adams, 103,020; Baker, 11,893.

Seventh district complete stands: Butler, 12,950; Tarbox, 9,425; Hoar, 2,023.

Michigan. Hayes' majority in Michigan will not fall below 15,000, Trosswell's (Rep) majority for Governor being somewhat less. The legislature will have a majority of fifty in joint ballot.

Minnesota. Returns indicate a heavy majority in the general ticket. Three Republican Congressmen are elected. Hayes' majority ends a solid Republican delegation to the Legislature. Hayes' majority throughout the state is 15,000.

Returns from various points indicate that the State goes Democratic by a largely increased majority over last election. Five Congressmen certainly elected by Democrats, with strong probability that they elect six.

Missouri. Eighty towns, precincts and wards outside of St. Louis give Alden 13,630, Hayes

8,118. Sixty-four towns, precincts and wards give Phelps 8,840, Finkbeiner 6,405. The vote of that city is not yet counted, and but few of the county precincts. The indications are that the county ticket will be divided.

Nebraska.

The Republican ticket is carried by a small majority—probably not exceeding 2,500. Cass county elects the Republican ticket. Ows going Democratic by 150 majority. Omaha City is Democratic by a majority not exceeding 500. The whole Greenback ticket is elected in Richardson county.

Nevada.

The latest returns from the young state indicate 1,000 Republican majority.

New Hampshire.

Republican majorities throughout the state are reported of 2,500.

New Jersey.

This state is surely Democratic by 14,000. Five of the seven Congressmen are elected.

New York.

The returns from the counties in this state have come in slowly. Thirty-seven counties give Hayes 58,305 maj.; twenty-two counties, including New York city, give Tilden 88,583, leaving him a majority of 30,278. His majority will not much exceed this. S. C. Cox has a majority of 16,561 for Congress.

North Carolina.

The Democratic majority in the state will not fall short of 15,000. The Democrats elect all their Congressmen except one, Gov. Bagbien, Republican, being elected in the Second District. The Legislature, which elects a United States Senator, is more than two-thirds Democratic.

Ohio.

Hayes has carried the state of Ohio by from 15,000 to 20,000. The vote in Hamilton county stands as follows: Tilden, 29,648; Hayes, 28,770; Cooper 37; Smith, prohibition, 1. Returns are not sufficiently complete to give the status of Congressmen.

Oregon.

A dispatch from Portland says Oregon is Republican by a small majority.

Pennsylvania.

The majority conceded to the Republicans is 15,000. Of this amount Allegheny County claimed 8,000. Two Republican Congressmen are gained in this county, and a gain of 1,378 over the vote of last year, not including Allegheny county. The Republicans elect two state Senators—a gain of one.

Rhode Island.

Returns from all parts of the state show Hayes will have 5,000 to 6,000 maj. Eames and Ballou, Rep. Congressmen, are both re-elected.

South Carolina.

Both parties claim the state.

Tennessee.

The election was quiet in all parts of the State. There is no doubt of the election of Porter, Democrat, for Governor, and certainly eight out of ten Congressmen by the Democrats. The usual heavy Presidential majorities on the Democratic ticket are reported.

Texas.

The Democratic majority in Texas probably exceeds 20,000. Giddings, regular Democrat, has 1,933 majority in Galveston, which probably secures his election, and a full Democratic delegation to Congress from this State.

Vermont.

Hayes' majority over Tilden is put at 12,853; Hayes' gain over Grant, 1,720. The Congressmen are largely Republican.

Wisconsin.

It is considered comparatively certain that Wisconsin has gone Republican by about 2,000 majority. Bond (Dem.) is elected Congressman from the sixth district. The political status of the congressional delegation is unchanged.

Virginia.

Tilden's majority in Richmond will be 1,500. Returns from surrounding counties show Democratic gains over the vote of 1874. The only close contests for Congress are in the Second and Fourth Districts. Remaining seven districts will elect Democratic Congressmen. Two Republican Congressmen from the Second District show that Goode (Dem.) is gaining over the vote of 1874, and that he is re-elected by a 1,500 majority. The state is conceded to Tilden by the usual decisive majority.

West Virginia.

The Democrats have 17,000 majority, and sweep the State without exception.

The Territories.

In Utah, Conner (Mormon) is elected over Baskin (B) by probably 20,000 majority; in Montana, Mcginnis, Democrat, is elected over Bond, Corlett, Republican. Republican delegate from Wyoming by 2,000.

Singular Antipathies.

Baltimore Bulletin. Lamothe-Baltmore could not endure the sound of any instrument, and yet he experienced the most exquisite pleasure in the noise of thunder. Cesar could not hear the crowing of the cock without shuddering. The Lord Chancellor Bacon fell into a swoon whenever there was an eclipse of the moon. Mary de Medicis could not endure the sight of a rose, not even in painting, although she was fond of every other kind of flowers. The Duke d'Eproun fainted at the sight of a leveret. Marshal d'Albert was taken ill at a public dinner on seeing the attendants serve up a young wild boar or a sucking pig. Henry III. could not remain alone in a room where there was a cat. Mladislau, King of Poland, was uneasy and fled at the sight of apples. Scalliger shuddered in every limb on beholding watercresses. Erasmus could not smell fish without being thrown into a fever. An Englishman once expired from the impression that was made upon him by the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Cardinal Henry de Caronna fell into a syncope from the smell of roses. Tycho Brahe sank down from weakness on meeting a hare or fox. Cardon could not bear eggs; the poet, Ariosto; baths; the son of Crassus, bread; Cesar of Lescales, the sound of cymbals. The cause of these antipathies is sometimes found in the first sensations of infancy. A lady who was a great admirer of paintings and engravings swooned when she met with pictures in a book. The reason of it she thus explained: While she was very young her father one day perceived her turning over the books of his library to seek for pictures in them; he abruptly took them from her and told her in a severe tone of voice that there were in the books devils, which would strangle her if she dared to touch them. These foolish menaces, which are but too common with parents, always produce injurious effects which cannot afterwards be destroyed.

An eminent judge used to say that in his opinion, the very best thing ever said by a witness to a counsel was the reply given to Missing, the barrister, at the time leader of his circuit. He was defending a prisoner charged with stealing a donkey. The prosecutor had led the animal tied up to a gate, and when he returned, it was gone. Missing was very severe in his examination of the witness. "Do you mean to say, witness, the donkey was stolen from that gate?" "The mean to say, sir," giving the judge and jury a sly look, at the same time pointing to the counsel, "the ass was Missing."

DONALD ROSS, who saw Sir John Mooers shot, has just died.

Testing the Sense of Touch.

Bornstein's Five Senses of Man.

For this experiment two persons are required, one of whom tests the sense of touch of the other. For this purpose a pair of compasses is taken, whose points, somewhat blunted, are placed at a certain distance from each other on a part of the skin of the other person. The latter must then say, with closed eyes, whether he feels the contact of two separate points, or whether both seem to be merged into one. The result of this experiment upon the less sensitive parts of the skin is very surprising. If the points are placed on the forearm in the direction of its length at the distance of 1.53 inch the sensation is a double one, but so soon as the distance is reduced to 1.18 inch the contact is felt as a single point and the