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Condensed History of Steam.—About 200 years B. C., Hero, of Alexandria, formed a toy which exhibited some of the powers of steam, and was moved by its power.

A. D. 540, Anthemius, an architect, arranged several caldrons of water, each covered with the wide bottom of a leathern tube, which rose to a narrow top with pipes extended to the rafters of the adjoining building. A fire was kindled beneath the caldrons, and the house was shaken by the efforts of the steam ascending the tubes. This is the first notice of the power of steam recorded.

In 1543, June 17, Blasco De Garay tried a steamboat of 209 tons with interesting success at Barcelona, Spain. It consisted of a caldron of boiling water and a moveable wheel on each side of the ship. It was laid aside as impracticable. A present, however, was made to Garay.

In 1650 the first railroad was constructed at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The first idea of a steam engine in England was in the Marquis of Worcester's "History of Inventions," A. D. 1663.

In 1710 Newcomer made the first steam engine in England.

In 1718 patents were granted to Savery for the first application of the steam engine.

In 1764 James Watt made the first perfect steam engine in England.

In 1736 Jonathan Hulls first set forth the idea of steam navigation.

In 1778 Thomas Paine first proposed this application in America.

In 1781 Marquis Jouffroy constructed one on the Saone.

In 1785 two Americans published a work on it.

In 1789 William Tyssington made a voyage in one on the Forth and Clyde canal.

In 1802 this experiment was repeated.

In 1782 Ramsey propelled a boat by steam at New York.

In 1787 John Fitch, of Philadelphia, navigated a boat by a steam engine on the Delaware.

In 1793 Robert Fulton first began to apply his attention to steam.

In 1793 Oliver Evans, a native of Philadelphia, constructed a locomotive steam engine to travel on a turnpike road.

The first steam vessel that ever crossed the Atlantic was the Savannah, in the month of June, 1819, from Charleston to Liverpool. [Hunt's Merchants' Magazine.

A Practical Joke.—A gentleman of considerable talent as an orator, became a member of the Legislative body, in one of the Eastern States. In speaking, he was addicted to an old habit of handling his spectacles; first placing them on his nose—suffering them to remain a minute or two—throwing them upon his forehead, and finally folding them up and laying them before him on the desk. One day a very important question came up for consideration, and he commenced a speech in opposition. A friend to the proposed measure, who was a most incorrigible wag withal, determined to spoil the effect of the honorable member's remarks, and accordingly, before he entered the house, provided himself with a dozen pair of spectacles. The member commenced his speech with his usual ability. But a few minutes elapsed before he was at work with his spectacles, and finally got them upon his forehead. At this juncture our wag laid another pair on the desk before the speaker. These were taken up, and by gradual gradations, gained a place on his forehead, by the side of the other. A third, fourth, and fifth pair were disposed of in the same manner. A smile settled upon the countenances of the honorable members, which gradually enlightened into a grin, and at last when the speaker had warmed into one of his most patriotic and elegant sentences, he deposited a sixth pair with the others, and upon them was hung a loud peal of laughter from all quarters of the room—President, clerks, members, joined in the chorus. The speaker looked around in astonishment at this curious interruption; but raising his hand, he grasped the spectacles, and the whole force of the joke rushed upon his mind. He dashed the glasses upon the floor, took his hat and left the hall. The bill passed by a triumphant majority, probably in consequence of the gentleman's silly and useless habit.

Superstitions of Great Men.—Most great men have been superstitious. The courier bringing a letter from England, in which the death of his old physician, Polidori, was stated, Lord Byron remarked, "I was convinced something unpleasant hung over me last night; I expected to hear that somebody I knew was dead; so it turns out."

Scott believed in a second sight. Rousseau tried whether he would be damned or not by aiming at a tree with a bone. Goethe trusted to the chance of a knife's striking the water whether he was to succeed in some undertaking. Swift placed the success of his life on the drawing of a trout he had hooked out of the water.

Byron, on another occasion, observed: "Several extraordinary things have happened on my birthday; so they did to Napoleon; and a more wonderful thing occurred to Maria Antoinette. At my wedding some thing whispered to me that I was signing my death warrant. At the last moment I would have retreated if I could have done so. I am a great believer in presentiments. Socrates' demon was no fiction; Monk Lewis had his monitor, and Bonaparte many warnings." Byron had also a belief in unlucky days. He once refused to be introduced to a lady because it was on Friday. On this same ill-starred day he would never pay visits.

New York City Morals.—The quarterly report of the Chief of police, just made to the Mayor, presents a frightful picture of the immorality, licentiousness and crime, that now pervade that populous city. It appears that during May, June and July, there were no fewer than 2165 persons arrested within the city limits, grossly intoxicated; 1701 for disorderly conduct; 1291 for assaults and battery; 175 for grand larceny, and 818 for petit larceny; 5 for rape; 13 for murder; 53 for bastardy; 28 for counterfeiting, and 46 for burglary. These are but a few of the appalling aggregate of crimes, for which a total of 9607 arrests were made. It also appears that the whole number of grog shops in the nineteen wards of the city, exceeds 6000! and out of that 6000, no fewer than 4185 keep open on Sundays.

Toll Free.—The Ohio Board of Public Works have ordered that every thing intended for exhibition at the Ohio State Agricultural Fair, to be held at Columbus on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of September next, be permitted to pass free of tolls on the canals and Slackwater Improvements, and on the National Road.

Variety Paragraphs.

Dobbs says, there is this advantage about plaid trowsers—every time he gets asleep, the boarders roll him over and play checkers on him.

"So, here I am, between two tailors," said a beau at a public table, where a couple of young tailors were seated, who had just begun business for themselves.

"True," was the reply, "we are new beginners, and can only afford to keep one goose between us."

Miss Fantadling says the first time she locked arms with a young man, she felt like Hope leaning on her anchor. Poetic young woman, that.

A lady passing through New Hampshire, observed the following notice on a board: "Horses taken into grass. Long tails, three shillings and sixpence, short tails two shillings." The lady asked the owner of the land the reason for the difference in price. He answered: "You see ma'am, the long tails can brush away the flies; but the short tails are so tormented by them that they can hardly eat at all."

Curran being angry in a debate one day, put his hand on his heart, saying: "I am the trusty guardian of my own honor."

"Then," replied Sir Boyle Roach, "I congratulate my honorable friend on the snug sinecure to which he has appointed himself."

The politeness of the Persians is of a species perfectly oriental. A nobleman of high rank went one day to the French Embassador to beg his pardon because the weather was so bad in Persia.

"Mrs. Frenchy, will you be helped to a small bit of the turkey?" "Yes, my dear Mr. Wilkins, I will." "What part would you prefer, my dear Mrs. Frenchy?" "I will have a couple of the wings—one of the legs—some of the breast—the side bone—some filling—and a few dumplings—very few—as I feel very unwell to-day." Wilkins fainted.

"I love my wife," said Mr. Caudle, "and for the first two months I felt as if I could eat her up. Ever since I have been sorry I didn't."

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office, New Orleans, THURSDAY, August 28, 1851.

LADIES' LIST.

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GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

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NEW MUSIC STORE.

93 Camp street, three doors below Perdido.

THE public is respectfully invited to call and examine the large and well selected stock of PIANO-FORTES, MELODEONS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, on hand, which for quality and variety is not to be surpassed in this city. Among them are Pianos of Chas. Pleyel & Co., Sami Herz, C. Gilbert & Co. and others, from Paris; Pianos of Chickering, Mackay & Co., Gilbert & Co., Hallet, Davis & Co., Boston; Pianos of Stodart, Wornum & Co., Broadwood & Sons and Pleyel, Wolff & Co., London; Pianos of Stewart & Co., Cork; Pianos of Stewart & Co., New York; Pianos of Hall & Sons, Boston; Pianos of Gilbert, Dunham, Wm. Hall & Son, New York.

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Melodeons from 4 to 6 octaves.

Parlor Organs, in rich carved cases.

The Harmonian Orchestra, or Upright Piano.

The Piano Guitar, of rich and varied patterns, some of Tayer make.

Violins, Violas.

Instruments of Amateurs, warranted not to get out of tune.

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Mr. ALFRED TRUST has charge of the establishment, and will be at all times ready to wait on the numerous friends.

A room has been fitted up for the especial use of the ladies, where they can always try or have tried their music before purchasing. [1850 1y] W. T. MAYO.

SADDLERY STORE—SMITH & BROTHERS, No. 59 and 53 Common street, New Orleans, offer for sale the largest and most complete assortment of goods in the Southern country, consisting in part of

SADDLES—Mexican, Texas, Stock, Dog and Buggy Saddles, all qualities; Western Saddles, Spanish Saddles, Ladies' Saddles, Children's Saddles, Saddle Cloths, Saddle Blankets.

TABLES, BAGS and WALLETS, in great variety—Bridles, Brady Pilings, Martingales, Bridle Rosettes, Bridle Bosses, Bridle Reins, Bridle Rolls, Bridle Bits.

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TRUNKS—Leather, Gutta Percha, Travelling Trunks, Valises and Carpet Bags, all styles.

SADDLERY HARDWARE, SADDLERY HARNESS, SHOE MAKERS' TOOLS and FINDINGS of every description. COACH TRIMMINGS.

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Sole Agents for the sale of the Patent India Rubber Gin and Machine Belts. Also, the Patent Steamboat Leather Belts; Saws, Mill Files; Saddlers' Hardware, Coachmen's Coats and Hats, Saddlers' Clothing, of all kinds; Saddlery Hardware, Cutlery, etc.

SMITH & BROTHERS, 59 and 53 Common st.

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S. ROBB & CO. No. 60 Gravier street, are constantly receiving from Philadelphia and England new Goods in their line. They keep on hand a large and well selected assortment of all Americanmade HARDWARE, HARNESS, LEATHER, SADDLERY, TRUNKS, TRAVELLING GOODS, TRAVELLERS AND PACKING TRUNKS, etc. etc.

Also—A fine assortment of BUFFALO ROBES.

Planters and Dealers are invited to call. [a35

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CARRIAGES AND HARNESS of every description always on hand. For sale low for cash or approved paper.

Also, 12 Springs, Axles, Linings, Sash, Cloths, Leather Lace and Varnish.

T. A. BUM & CO.

PURE AND BATHING APPARATUS, &c. JOHN BUCHREY, Patentee, No. 104 Camp street, New Orleans, has just received a new and large assortment of Bone Coffee, Vegetable Coffee and Leaf Tobacco; Bay Rum, Eau Sucrée, etc., etc., Cooking Essence; Bathing Tubs and Shower Baths. Also, Spring and Revolving Lead Pipes; Sheet Lead work of every description. Plumbing, Gas Fitting, etc., promptly and neatly executed. All orders essentially attended to. Chlorine exclusive.

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By the superior arrangement of the Lenses introduced here, combined with the improved process, gems are insured BRIGHT, and by a NEW CHEMICAL PROCESS used in preparing the Plates, the Portraits are produced in a beautiful tint of blue (only a few seconds), exhibiting a high degree of perfection, with the proper and natural gradations of Light and Shade, without which Pictures can never be pleasing.

A choice variety of new style Daguerreotypes and Engraved Lockets of the Rose Gold and best workmanship, suitable for Miniatures, furnished at the manufacturers' prices.

Artists supplied with every article used in the Daguerreotype at New York prices. [a28 1y] A. JACOBS.

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THIS is beyond a doubt, the best article ever discovered for the Teeth and Gums. It keeps the Teeth free from tartar, and renders soft and bleeding Gums as hard as possible, and consequently a great beautifier of the mouth. Sold by the above Agents, and recommended to be sold by the Agents, viz: Dr. Gilbert, Royal street. Charles & Allison, St. Charles street. J. Massey, Camp street, and Grayer. J. Wright, St. Charles street. J. Byrne, cor. Canal and Carondelet. A. Arnaud, & Co., Magazine street. Medical Depot, Perdido street. C. Neyrand, cor. Apollo and Dio. Jos. Rosen, cor. Nassau and Bourbon. B. Kalyfuss, corner Jackson and Levee streets, Lafayette; and of the Manufacturers, Sol Dacosta street, N. O. [a28 1y]

MRS. W. E. BROWN informs her friends and the public that, having moved and thoroughly renovated the WAVERLY HOUSE, No. 8 Camp st., (lately occupied by Mrs. Shall,) she is now prepared to offer every accommodation, in both transient and permanent boarders, that pains and expense can procure. New Orleans, November 9, 1850. [a14 1y]

SMITH'S HOTEL, BAYOU SARA, La.

THIS fine Hotel has been in successful operation for the last four years under the direction of the present proprietor, and is still open for the accommodation of the travelling public. The Proprietor has established to the Hotel a first LIVERY STABLE, with Omnibuses, Coaches and Hacks, for the accommodation of persons wishing to visit the country.

THOS. R. SMITH.

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Manilla and Hemp Rope—of all sizes;
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