

INDIANA STATE SENTINEL.

A FORTUNE MADE BY PICKING UP A PIN.—Important results often follow from the most trifling incidents. A remarkable case of this kind is related in an English paper, respecting Lafitte, the French banker, and which was the foundation of the immense fortune he afterwards accumulated. When he came to Paris in 1778, the extent of his ambition was to find a situation in a banking house, and to attain this object he called on M. Perregeaux, the rich Swiss banker, to whom he had a letter of introduction. This gentleman had just taken possession of the hotel of Mad. de Guermard, which had been put up in a hasty way by that lady and won by the fortune banker. It was to this charming habitation, which has since been demolished, that M. Lafitte paid his first visit in Paris, and, as it were, took his first step in the Parisian world. The young provincial—poor and modest, timid and anxious—entered by that gateway which had witnessed so many gayeties of the last century. He was introduced into the boudoir of the dame, and then became the cabin of the banker, and there modestly stated the object of his visit.

"It is impossible for me to admit you into my establishment, at least for the present," replied the banker, "all my offices have their full complement. If I require any one at a future time, I will see what can be done; but in the mean time I advise you to seek elsewhere, for I do not expect to have a vacancy for some time."

With a disappointed heart, the young aspirant for employment left the office, and while with a downcast look he traversed the courtyard, he stooped to pick up a pin which lay in his path, and when he carefully stuck in the lapel of his coat, "Little did he think that this trivial action was to decide his future fate, but so it was."

From the window of his cabinet M. Perregeaux had observed the action of the young man. The Swiss banker was one of those keen observers of human action who estimate the value of circumstances apparently trifling in themselves, and which would pass unnoticed by a majority of mankind. He was delighted with the conduct of the young stranger. In this simple action, he saw the evolution of a character; it was the guaranty of a love of order and economy, a certain pledge of all the qualities which should be possessed by a good financier. A young man who would pick up a pin could not fail to make a good clerk, merit the confidence of his employers, and obtain a high degree of prosperity. In the evening of the same day M. Lafitte received the following note from M. Perregeaux:

"A place is made for you in my office, which you may take possession of to-morrow morning."

The anticipations of the banker were not deceived. The young Lafitte possessed every desirable quality, and even more than was at first anticipated. From simple clerk he soon rose to be cashier, then partner, then head of the first banking-house in Paris, and afterwards in rapid succession, a Deputy and President of the Council of Ministers, the highest point to which a citizen can aspire.

On what a trifles does the fortune of a man sometimes depend! But for the simple incident of the pin, M. Lafitte would, perhaps, never have entered the house of M. Perregeaux; another employer might not have opened to him so wide a field of action, and his talents and intelligence would not have led to such magnificent success.

Little did M. Perregeaux think that the hand which would pick up a pin was that of a man generous to prodigality in doing good—a hand always open to shower honorable misfortune. Never were riches placed in better hands; never did humbler prince make a more noble use of them.

BEAU BRUMMELL'S STATE, TRAFALGAR SQUARE.—Punch has received exclusive intelligence of a subscription which is now quietly growing at White's, at Brooke's, at the Carlton, and other Clubs, for the purpose of erecting a statue to the memory of G. Geo. bryant Brummell, the man who invented starched neck cloths, and gave its newest gloss to blacking. The sculptor, whose name we are not at present permitted to reveal, has sent in a drawing of the contemplated statue.

Trafalgar Square has very properly been selected as the place for erection. There again will dwell in kindly neighborhood George the Beau and George the Fourth. Their lives were brief, and their joint memories will be appropriately eternized in congenial bronze. The grandeur of the pasty-cook and the descendant of the Gurkhas will be reconciled by the god of posterity, and the peculiar virtues that each possessed be brought out in stronger relief by the association.

Looking at Brummell, we shall remember, with glowing admiration, the "man who never failed in his eye." Emboldening George the Fourth, we shall not readily forget the man to whom all ties were equally indifferent.

Many and deep must be the reflections suggested by the two statues.

George the Beau, by the force of his genius, made himself the master of a Prince. His King was without a coat was like.

George the King, wanting royal blood, might have made himself master of journeyman tailors.

George the Beau, in his glory, refused to sell the letters of his former friends.

George the King, while Prince of Wales, sold his party at the first profitable opportunity.

George the Beau had wit.

George the King had only malice.

George the Beau would make a joke for the joke's sake.

George the King chafed without cause, and never forgave.

George the Beau felt compensation for his starving washer-woman.

George the King ran half a million of money in debt, and, sending his bills to be paid by a starving People, fell for no one.

We might go with the parallel, but believe we have said enough to show the great beauty of contrast that must be revealed by the juxtaposition of Beau Brummell and the "Fat Friend." It is whispered at some of the Clubs, that, in addition to the Beau's statue in Trafalgar Square, there will be placed there the terra cotta of another King George's early companion; namely, that of the lamented Marquis of Hertford. There will still be wanting another statue for the one vacant corner. How is this corner to be filled? At present we remember no person worthy of the post. Yes, we have him: Nicholas Suisse—Panck.

ENORMOUS CONSUMPTION OF TEA AND COFFEE.—One of the most remarkable facts in the diet of mankind, is the enormous consumption of tea and coffee. The slightly stimulating and narcotic properties of these substances do not seem sufficient, to account for the fact that upwards of \$80,000,000 of pounds of these articles are annually consumed by the inhabitants of the world. It has, however, been found that they contain a certain active principle, which, though small in quantity, is yet supposed to form an important part in the human economy. This principle is called theine in tea, and caffeine in coffee, but they are identical in composition; and when so very remarkable, this same principle has been discovered in the Paraguay tea, a species of herb used for infusion by the natives of South America; and a principle very similar, called theobromine, is found in the nuts from which cocoa and chocolate are prepared. Now, according to Liebig, there is found in the blood a principle called by him taurine, resulting from the destruction of the tissues of the body, and having a composition so closely resembling theone that the one may be easily converted into the other. Taurine performs an important office in the economy of respiration, and Liebig suggests that the introduction of theone into the system prevents the destruction of the tissues for the purpose of forming taurine, and thus, though not nutritive itself, it becomes indirectly nutritious to the body by saving its tissues from destruction. This theory may or may not be true in all its parts; it at any rate affords an explanation of a singular fact, and has more evidence in favor of its truth than its reasonableness.

A late English paper says that in the Court of Queen's Bench, recently, a jury refused to make a husband responsible for an extravagant milliner's bill for his wife, comprehending among other items, ten new bonnets and forty-three pairs of gloves in seven months.

LAWNS.—A few pieces of very choice Lawns and Printed Muslins, call and examine at J. M. TALBOTT'S. 43

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Persons calling for these Letters will please say ADVERTISED.

The inland postage on all letters for foreign countries is pre-paid, otherwise they can be forwarded.

Attention Due.

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PUBLIC SALE OF CANAL LANDS.

THE lands selected last summer for the WABASH & ERIE CANAL east of Vincennes, having been confirmed to the State by the Surveyor General, are now offered for sale at the auction of the State, Monday evening, in the auditorium of the State House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

They are thus divided, thus:

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