The Last Eruption of Mount Etna.

M. Fouque, who visited Sicily at the time of the last eruption of Mount Etna, has published an interesting paper on the subject in the *Revue Contemporaine*. He says:—

"During our journey around Sicily the appearance of the eruption had been considerably modified. The lava, which seemed nearly stopped at the moment of our departure, had suddenly acquired new intensity about the middle of March. In the course of two days an enormous stream of lava had traversed the interval comprised between the Due Monti and Mount Crasmo, and then passing westward of that eminence, had dashed into a deep ravine in the direction of Linguа Grossa. If it had continued so for a few hours longer, the fiery element would have naturally got into the midst of vineyards and houses by merely following the slope of the soil. Terror was at its height among the people threatened with the catastrophe. They, being grossly ignorant and superstitious, imagined that St. Ignatius, the patron of Piedmont, had turned the scourge upon Linguа-Grossa in order to save the commune of which he was the protector. The measure of expelling his image from the chapel Della Vena was being seriously discussed. Had it been carried out it would inevitably have led to a bloody collision between the inhabitants of those two places; but, fortunately, the fiery torrent suddenly stopped.

"Other streams were subsequently formed higher up, and during our second stay at Mount Etna the lava invaded the whole space that had hitherto been spared between Mount Frumento and Due Monti, leaving only here and there a few hillocks still covered with vegetation, like islands in a waste. The eruptions of lava, either in a solid or liquid form, gradually abated. Thus, while at the outset stones ejected from the lower crater rose into the air to the height of eighteen hundred metres, that is, about forty times the altitude of the column of the Place Vendome, towards the end they hardly reach the brim of the crater; so that about the middle of May I could stand on its highest crest and make trigonometrical surveys."

A Drop of Ink.

Think of a Queen's first signature of a death warrant, where tears tried to blanch the fatal blackness of the dooming ink; of a traitor's adhesion to a deed of rebellion, written in gall; of a forger's trembling imitation of another's writings, where each letter took the shape of the gallows; of a lover's passionate proposal written in fire; of a proud girl's refusal written in ice; of a mother's dying expostulation with a wayward son written in her heart's blood; of an indignant father's disinheriting curse on his first-born, black with the lost color of the grey hairs which shall go down in sorrow to the grave—think of these and all the other impassioned writings to which every hour gives birth, and what a strangely potent, Protean thing a drop of ink grows to be! All over the world it is distilling at the behest of men. Here a despairing prisoner is writing with a rusty nail this dying confession of faith on his damp dungeon wall. There an anxious lover is deceiving all but his bride, with an ink which only she knows how to render visible. Beleaguered soldiers in Indian forts are confiding to the perilous secrecy of rice water or innocent milk their own lives and the fortunes of their country. Shipwrecked sailors, about to be engulfed in mid ocean, are consigning to a floating bottle the faint pencil memorandum of the spot where they will swiftly go down into the jaws of death. Everywhere happy pairs, dear husbands and wives, affectionate brothers and sisters, and all the busy world, are writing to each other on endless topics, with whatever paper comes to hand, whatever pen, whatever ink! The varied stream thus forever flowing is the intellectual and emotional blood of the world, and no one need visit Egypt, or summon an Eastern magician, to show him all the acts, all the joys and woes of men reflected from the mirror of a drop of ink.—*Macmillan's Magazine.*

THE WORST PUNISHMENT FOR A CHINAMAN.—A Chinaman recently sent to the hulks, at Toulon, France, for a murder committed in the French possessions in Cochin-China, appeared not to have had the slightest idea of the gravity of his position, having looked upon his condemnation and transportation to Europe as a means of proving his devotedness to the religion of Confucius; but he was painfully surprised, on his arrival, to learn that his magnificent tail of hair was to be cut off. To lose this appendage is considered, in China, to be totally dishonored, and he was, of course, most anxious to preserve it. However, he was compelled to submit, but the shock was too severe for him, as the moment the scissors cut through the tuft of hair he fainted, and was obliged to be conveyed to the hospital.

EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDE.—A woman, about thirty-five years of age, was found dead in a back-yard, near the city road, in London, on the 8th instant, having strangled herself in a most extraordinary manner. A police office, who gave evidence at the inquest, said she had fastened a piece of string—a penny ball of thick twine—round her neck. She had evidently held with her left hand the end of the twine against the left side of her neck, while with her right hand she had wound the twine eighteen times round her neck. Every time that she twisted the string round her throat she had pulled it tight. When she was found dead the remains of the ball of twine were in her right hand.

POPULATION OF LONDON.—The population of London has been estimated by the Registrar-General at 3,054,940 on the 8th of April, 1867, five years from the date of the last census. Of this population 2,629,339 are within the metropolitan parliamentary boroughs, represented by eighteen members in the House of Commons; the remaining 425,601 persons are not within the limits of any of the boroughs. The "metropolis" of the Registrar-General extends from Fulham to Plumbstead, and from Hampstead to Streatham.

SINGULAR DISCOVERY.—A singular discovery has been made at Rye, England. While workmen were excavating for a drain they came upon what has proved to be the deck of a vessel made of English oak, and of larger construction than are built at that port in the present day. This appears to confirm the tradition that the town was at one period nearly surrounded by the sea.

AN OLD BONE.—At a recent sale of antiquities at Chester, England, one of the lots was a well-attested relic of Miles Coverdale, the translator of the first English Bible, consisting of a silver-mounted box, containing a metacarpal bone of the right hand of the reformer, taken out of his grave in Cripplegate Church, London.

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ASSETS OF THE COMPANY
November 1, 1865.

$190 000	United States 5 per cent. loan, '71	$95,000 00
120 000	" 6 " " '81	128 100 00
200 000	" 7 3-10 per cent. loan Treasury Notes	194 375 00
100 000	State of Pennsylvania Five Per Cent Loan	90,555
54,000	State of Pennsylvania Six Per Cent. Loan	53 250
125 000	City of Philadelphia Six Per Cent. Loan	112 812 50
20 000	Pennsylvania Railroad First Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	20,000 00
18,000	Pennsylvania Railroad Second Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	23,750 00
25 000	Western Pennsylvania Railroad Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	23,750 00
15,000	300 Shares Stock Germantown Gas Company principal and interest guaranteed by the City of Philadelphia	13,537 50
7,150	143 Shares Stock Pennsylvania Railroad Company	8,580 0
5,000	100 Shares Stock North Pennsylvania Railroad Company	3,250 00
40,000	Deposit with United States Government subject to ten days' call	40,000 00
30,000	State of Tennessee Five Per Cent. Loan	18 000 00
170 700	Loans on Bonds and Mortgage first liens on City Property	170,700 00
$1,636,850	Par. Market value	$996 869 00
	Real Estate	36 000 00
	Bills receivable for insurances made	121 013 37
	Balances due at Agencies—Premiums on Marine Policies Accrued Interest, and other debts due the Company	40 511 44
	Scrip and Stock of sundry Insurance and other Companies $ 133. Estimated value	2 910 0
	Cash in Banks $55,956 89	
	Cash in Drawer 678 48	56,635 37
		$1 253 639 18

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Capital	$400,000 00
Accrued Surplus	944,543 15
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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE NAVY YARDS, UNDER THE COGNIZANCE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.
NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30, 1866.

Sealed Proposals to furnish TIMBER and other Materials for the Navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, will be received at this Bureau until 10 o'clock A. M. of the 28th of June next, at which time the proposals will be opened.

The proposals must be addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department, Washington, and must be endorsed "Proposals for Timber, etc., for the Navy," that they may be distinguished from other business letters.

Printed schedules for any class, together with instructions to bidders, giving the forms of proposal, of guarantee, and of certificate of guarantors, will be furnished to such persons as desire to bid, on application to the commandants of the respective navy yards, and those of all the yards on application to the Bureau.

The Commandant of each navy yard and the Purchasing Paymaster of each station will have a copy of the schedules of the other yards, for examination only, in order that persons who intend to bid may judge whether it is desirable to make application for any of the classes of those yards.

The proposal must be for the whole of a class; and all applications for information, or for the examination of samples, must be made to the Commandants of the respective yards.

The proposal must be accompanied by a certificate from the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the bidder resides, that he has a license to deal in the articles for which he proposes; and he must further show that he is a manufacturer of, or a regular dealer in, the articles which he offers to supply. The guarantors must be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.

The contract will be awarded to the person who makes the lowest bid and gives the guarantee required by law, the Navy Department, however, reserving the right to reject the lowest bid, or any which it may deem exorbitant.

Sureties in the full amount will be required to sign the contract, and their responsibility must be certified to the satisfaction of the Navy Department. As additional security twenty per centum will be withheld from the amount of the bills until the contract shall have been completed, and eighty per centum of the amount of each bill, approved in triplicate by the Commandant of the respective yard, will be paid by the Paymaster of the station designated in the contract in funds or certificates, at the option of the Government, within ten days after the warrant for the same shall have been passed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The classes of this bureau are numbered and designated as follows:—

Class No. 1, white oak logs; No. 2 white oak keel or keelson pieces; No. 3, white oak curved timber; No. 4, white oak plank; No. 5, white oak boards; No. 6, yellow pine logs; No. 7, yellow pine beams; No. 8, yellow pine mast and spar timber; No. 9, white pine deck and stage plank; No. 10, white pine mast timber; No. 11, white pine logs, plank, and boards; No. 12, rackmatack timber; No. 13, ash logs, plank, and boards; No. 14, ash oars; No. 15, hickory buts and bars; No. 16, black walnut, maple, cherry, mahogany, white wood, and veneers; No. 17, cedar and cypress boards; No. 18, locust timber, No. 19, white oak staves and headings; No. 20, black spruce; No. 21, locust treenails and wedges; No. 22, lignumvitæ; No. 23, iron—round, flat, and square; No. 26, steel; No. 27, iron spikes; No. 28, iron nails—wrought and cut; No. 30, lead; No. 32, drygoods and upholstery; No. 33, hardware; No. 34, tools for stores; No. 36, white lead; No. 37, zinc paints; No. 38, colored paints, dryers, etc.; No. 39, varnish, etc.; No. 40, linseed oil; No. 41, glass; No. 42, brushes; No. 44, fish oil; No. 45, tallow, soap, and sweet oil; No. 47, ship chandlery; No. 48, oakum; No. 49, tank iron; No. 50, ingot copper; No. 52, poles; No. 55, bellows.

The following are the classes, by their numbers, required at the respective navy yards:—

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NATIONAL MILITARY ASYLUM.—The Managers of the National Asylum for discharged volunteer soldiers, authorized by Act of Congress, approved March 21, 1866, ask proposals for sites for Asylums by donation or sale. The premises must be situate in one of the loyal States, contain at least 200 acres of land and be in a healthy location, and easy of access by railroad or otherwise. It is the purpose of the managers to erect, without delay, extensive and permanent buildings for said Asylums, and its establishment will be largely advantageous to any section or railroad in the vicinity of its location.

Plans, specifications, and estimates for Asylum buildings, including detached cottages, are also asked for the approval of the Board. Liberal compensation will be given for the successful plan.

Proposals, plans, specifications and estimates—the first named to be in writing, containing plot and description of grounds and terms and conditions of transfer—must be sent to Major-General B. F. BUTLER, at Lowell, Mass., on or before the 20th day of June, 1866.
BENJ. F. BUTLER,
President Board of Managers.
LEWIS B. GUNCKEL, Secretary.

Papers entitled to publish the laws of the United States are respectfully requested to publish this three (3) weeks prior to the 20th of June, 1866, and send their bill, with copy of notice, as above directed. 5 31 18t

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23 1866.

Offers will be received by this Bureau until the 12th of June, 1866, for the purchase of the following-named vessels, which may be seen at the Navy Yards indicated:—

PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.
Screw steamer "SAGAMORE," of 507 tons, old measurement
Screw steamer "ALTHEA," of 72 tons, old measurement.
Sloop-of-war "ST. LOUIS," of 700 tons, old measurement

NEW YORK NAVY YARD.
Paddle-wheel steamer "JAMES ADGER," of 1151 tons, old measurement.
Paddle-wheel steamer "OCTORARA," of 829 tons, old measurement.
Paddle-wheel steamer "TRITONIA," of 202 tons, old measurement.
Screw steamer "JASMINE," of 122 tons, old measurement
Screw steamer "KANAWHA," of 507 tons, old measurement
Screw steamer "MARIGOLD," of 115 tons, old measurement.

BOSTON NAVY YARD
Sloop-of-war "JOHN ADAMS," of 700 tons

These vessels will be sold with their spars, standing rigging, two boats, and such other articles as will be shown to applicants by the Commandant of the Yard where the vessels lie, with the exception of their armaments, navy anchors and chains, nautical instruments, and stores. These vessels can be seen and the inventories examined at any time, on application to the Commandants of the Yards.

Government reserves the right to withdraw any of the vessels from sale.

Payments must be made within three days from the date of the reception of the notice of the acceptance of an offer, and the vessels must be removed from the Navy Yard within ten days from the date of the decision.

Proposals will be indorsed "Proposals for the Purchase of Vessels." 5 24 thfm9t

DELIGHTFUL EXCURSIONS

ON THE SCHUYLKILL.

The steamer

"SILVER WAVE,"

Now running from Fairmount to Falls of Schuylkill, will leave Fairmount as follows, viz.:—At 7·20, 8·40, 10, 11·20 A. M. And at 12·40, 2, 3·20, 4·40, and 6 P. M.

Returning, leave the Falls at 8, 9·20, 10·40, 12 M.; and 1·20, 2·40, 4, 5·20, and 6·40 P. M.

FARE.—To Laurel Hill and the Falls, 15 cents; Columbia Bridge or Washington Retreat, 10 cents. (5 9 ws

PHILADELPHIA SURGEONS' BANDAGE INSTITUTE, No. 14 N. NINTH Street, above Market.—B. C. EVERETT, after thirty years' practical experience, guarantees the skillful adjustment of his Premium Patent Graduating Pressure Truss, and a variety of others. Supporters, Elastic Stockings, Shoulder Braces, Crutches, Suspensories, etc. Ladies' apartments conducted by a Lady. 5 28 5

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR MATERIALS, UNDER THE COGNIZANCE OF THE BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING, TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE DIFFERENT NAVY YARDS.
NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING
WASHINGTON, June 4, 1866.

Sealed Proposals, to furnish MATERIALS for the Navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, will be received at this Bureau until 10 o'clock A. M., of the 26 day of June next; at which time the proposals will be opened.

The proposals must be addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, Navy Department, Washington, and must be endorsed "Proposals for Materials, etc., for the Navy," that they may be distinguished from other business letters.

Printed schedules for any class, together with instructions to bidders, giving the forms of proposal, of guarantee, and of certificate of guarantors, will be furnished to such persons as desire to bid, on application to the Commandants of the respective navy yards, and those of all the yards on application to the Bureau.

The Commandant of each navy yard and the Purchasing Paymaster of each section will have a copy of the schedules of the other yards for examination only, in order that persons who intend to bid may judge whether it is desirable to make application for any of the classes of those yards.

The proposal must be for the whole of a class; and all applications for information, or for the examination of samples, must be made to the Commandants of the respective yards.

The proposal must be accompanied by a certificate from the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the bidder resides, that he has a license to deal in the articles for which he proposes; and he must further show that he is a manufacturer of, or a regular dealer in, the articles which he offers to supply. The guarantors must be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.

The contract will be awarded to the person who makes the lowest bid and gives the guarantee required by law, the Navy Department, however, reserving the right to reject the lowest bid, or any which it may deem exorbitant.

Sureties in the full amount will be required to sign the contract, and their responsibility must be certified to the satisfaction of the Navy Department. As additional security, twenty per centum will be withheld from the amount of the bills until the contract shall have been completed, and eighty per centum of the amount of each bill, approved in triplicate by the commandant of the respective yard, will be paid by the Paymaster of the station designated in the contract in funds or certificates, at the option of the Government, within ten days after the warrant for the same shall have been passed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The classes of this Bureau are numbered and designated as follows:—

No. 1 Flax Canvas Twine.	No. 16 Ash and Beech Plank.
No. 2. Cotton Canvas and Twine.	No. 18 Tallow.
No. 3. Iron and Steel.	No. 20 Brushes.
No. 4 Tin and Zinc.	No. 22 Stationery.
No. 5. Sperm Oil.	No. 23 Hardware
No. 6. Paints and Oils.	No. 24. Ship Chandlery.
No. 10. Leather.	No. 31. Whale Oil, etc.
No. 11. Gum Shellac.	No. 32 Galley Iron.
No. 12. Lignumvitæ.	No. 33 Pig Iron.
No. 13. Lanterns.	No. 34 Cabin Iron.
No. 14 Ox Hides.	

The following are the classes, by their numbers, required at the respective navy yards:—

KITTERY.—Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 16, 24.
CHARLESTOWN.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16, 18, 23, 24, 31.
BROOKLYN.—1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 16, 23, 24.
PHILADELPHIA.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31. [6 11st
WASHINGTON.—1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 16, 23, 32, 33, 34.

PROPOSALS FOR HEATING FORD'S THEATRE.
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPOT OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22 1866.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until TUESDAY, June 12 1866, at 12 o'clock M., for HEATING, by steam (direct radiation), the building in the city known as "Ford's Theatre," and the two small buildings connected therewith.

Bids should be accompanied by plans showing the manner in which it is proposed to do the work, and state the amount of radiating surface proposed for, with a description of the boiler and its capacity.

The work must be completed by the first day of September, 1866.

No bids will be entertained except those from persons who are known to be in this business, and can refer to similar work which has been executed by them.

Half of the amount stipulated to be paid for the work will be paid on its completion, and the remaining one-half will be retained until the heating capacities of the apparatus shall have been thoroughly tested and found satisfactory.

Bidders can see the buildings and receive information in reference to the work by applying to Mr EDWARD CLARK, Government Architect, No. 308 Fourth street, opposite City Hall, Washington, D. C.

Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, plainly endorsed, "Proposals for Heating Ford's Theatre."
D. H. RUCKER,
Brevet Major-Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
5 29 11t Depot of Washington.

OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY,
FORTRESS MONROE, Va., May 25, 1866.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, are invited until 10 o'clock A. M., on THURSDAY, the 7th day of June, 1866, for the sale of about
9500 GALLONS OF MOLASSES
(Three hundred and ninety-five half-barrels, averaging about 24 gallons each).

This article is branded "Syrup," from Howell, Barr & Co., was made from Muscovado Molasses in December, 1864, and is in good order.

The packages will be recoopered, and put in shipping order; the quantity determined by a Government gauger.

Proposals will not be received for less than five (5) half barrels.

The Molasses will be delivered on board vessel, free of wharfage, dockage or labor.

Purchasers will be allowed ten (10) days to remove property.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds of which fifty per cent will be required on the acceptance of the bid, the balance before delivery of purchases

Bidders are requested to be present, or represented, at the opening of the bids.

Proposals should be endorsed on the envelope, "Proposals for Molasses," and addressed to
JAMES CURRY,
5 26 10t Colonel and C. S. V.

GOVERNMENT SALES.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LUMBER.
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPOT OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31, 1866.

The offers received under the advertisement of May 3 being considered less than the real value of the material, were not accepted, and Sealed Proposals are again invited until THURSDAY, June 21, 1866, at 12 o'clock M., for the purchase of 843,000 feet of Government Lumber, of the following sizes and descriptions, viz.:—

18,000 feet 1½-inch Oak.
100 000 feet 2-inch Oak.
100 000 feet 2½-inch Oak.
129,000 feet 3-inch Oak.
10,000 feet 3½-inch Oak.
73 000 feet 4-inch Oak.
10 000 feet 5-inch Oak.
10,000 feet 2-inch Hickory.
6 500 feet 3-inch Hickory.
14,000 feet 4-inch Hickory.
39,000 feet 1½-inch Ash.
74 000 feet 2-inch Ash.
36 000 feet 3-inch Ash.
90,000 feet 4-inch Ash.
20 000 feet 5-inch Ash.
5,500 feet ¾-inch Pine.
24,800 feet ¾-inch