LITERARY NOTES.

Under the comprehensive title of *Our Commercial Relations*, a volume has just been issued by the Secretary of State, which deserves special attention. It is a complete digest of the statistics of trade and manufactures of foreign nations, in which the United States are directly interested. To save time and space, a compendious abstract has been made, involving much labor and affording invaluable and authentic information. The materials of these interesting reports are derived from the dispatches of our Ministers and Consuls abroad. The reports on the commerce and shipping of several Chinese ports by C. W. Legendre, U. S. Consul, and especially of the Island of Formosa at Amoy; that of C. C. Andrews, U. S. Minister at Stockholm, on the manufacture of iron in Sweden, and that on the Creole population in Mauritius, by the Consul at Port Louis; the suggestions of our Halifax Consul in regard to the fisheries, and the English trade reviews, are among the important contents of this official volume, which is of a kind that reflects credit on our representatives abroad and the State Department. The *Courier d'Athenes* states that the Chamber of Commerce at Patras have addressed a letter of thanks to the American Minister at Athens, for having solicited and obtained from his Government a reduction of the duty on currants. This is the chief article of export from the Greek islands, and the practical effect of the reduction of duty has been to double the exportation, and, at the same time, not diminish the net revenue. The text of the letter of the Patras merchants and Mr Tuckerman's reply, *aussi courtoise que philhellénique*, says the journal, are given at length in *La Vigilante*, a leading Patras paper.

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Mr. Karl Blind, criticising in the Vienna *Neue Freie Presse*, Eystein Asgrimsson's "Lilja," an Icelandic poem, the text of which has been published with an English translation and a glossary, by Mr. Magnusson, speaks hopefully of the revival of the study of ancient Germanic literature and folk-lore in this country, and points to the "Niblungs and Volsungs" of Mr. William Morris, "one of the most distinguished living poets of England, who has equally imbued himself with the Hellenic and the Norse spirit."

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Chic., R. I. & Pacific	102	102½
Morris & Essex 1st Mor.	101	—
Morris & Essex 2d M.	97	97½
Cleve. & Tol. S. F.	102½	—
N. J. Cent. gen. bonds	101½	102
Pitts., F. W. & Ch., 1 M.	104½	—
Pitts., Ft.W. & Ch. 2d M.	99	—
Pitts., Ft.W. & Ch. 3d M.	95	—
Pitts., Ft.W.&C. 8 p.c. s.fd.	100	—
Pitts., Ft.W.&C. 7 p.c. s.fd.	100	—
Cleve. & Pitts. Con. S. F.	91	—
Cleve. & P. 2d Mort	93½	—
Cleve. & P. 3d Mort	93	—
Cleve. & P. 4th M.	83½	85
Chic. & Alton S. F.	99½	—
Chic. & Alton 1st M.	103	—
Chic. & Alt. Income	91	—
Ohio & Miss. 1st Mort.	100	101
Ohio & Miss. Cons.	85	90½
Dub. & Sioux City 1st M.	95	—
Peninsula R. R. bonds	90	94
St. L. & Iron Mt'n, 1st M.	93	—
Mil. & St. Paul 1st M, Ia.	105½	107
Mil.& St.P. 1st M. 7-10.	—	99½
Mil. & St. Paul 1st Mort.	95	95½
Mil. & St. Paul, I. & M. D.	89	90
Mil. & St. Paul 2d Mtg.	87½	90
Marietta and Cin., 1st M.	95	—
Col., Chic. & Ind. 1st M.	87	87½
Col., Chic. & Ind. 2d M.	70½	—
Tol., Peoria & War., L.D.	69½	—
Tol., Peo. & War., W.D.	67	67½
Tol., Peo. & War., 2d M.	73½	75
Cedar Falls & Minn 1st M.	84½	85

The aggregate amount of exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New-York for the week ending May 9, 1871, was $3,846,933.

The earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company for April, 1871, were $125,212 16; 1870, $101,265 73; increase, $23,946 43.

For the past four months the returns of earnings show the following flattering result:

GROSS EARNINGS.

Months.	1870.	1871.	Increase.
January	$92,101 52	$126,210 29	$34,026 77
February	90,625 97	122,372 00	26,766 93
March	101,593 37	144,637 35	42,063 98
April	101,265 73	125,212 16	23,946 43
Total	$391,626 59	$518,430 79	$126,804 11

The Philadelphia stock market still has an advancing tendency. Pennsylvania 68, sold at 109; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 28⅞; Reading Railroad, 56½, and Pennsylvania Railroad, 62½. Gold not quoted.

In San Francisco, the bull movement in the Belcher and Crown Point Mining stock continues. The "shorts" suffer severely. Crown Point closed last evening at $260.

The first mortgage 7 per cent bonds of the Southern Central Railroad of New-York are being offered for sale by Messrs. Vermilye & Co., and are recommended by them as a good security.

THE NATIONAL BALANCE-SHEET.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAST QUARTER.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Government for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 1871:

RECEIPTS.

Net receipts from Customs	$55,277,267 73
Internal Revenue	28,249,835 61
Sales Public Lands	502,102 94
Miscellaneous sources	6,495,305 29
Total receipts	$90,525,101 57
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1870	139,514,721 87
Unavailable debt Treasurer this quarter	2,879 59
Grand total	$230,042,702 83

NET EXPENDITURES.

Premium	$1,821,476 99
Civil and miscellaneous	14,099,834 52
War Department	7,892,800 33
Navy	4,448,943 96
Indians	1,081,290 44
Pensions	7,737,856 42
Interest on public debt	36,392,558 76
Net ordinary expenditures	73,474,761 42
Redemption of loans and Treasury notes	9,431,786 16
Purchase of bonds	21,000,000 00
Total net expenditures	103,846,547 58
Balance in Treasury April 1, 1871	126,196,155 25
Total	230,042,702 83

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Amount outstanding Dec. 31, 1870	$2,423,132,060 05
Issues during quarter	435,439 96
Total	2,446,676,056 05
Reduced during quarter	73,975,782 16
Amount outstanding April 1, 1871	2,392,700,273 89

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HARVEY FISK. A. S. HATCH.

FISK & HATCH, *Bankers and Dealers in Government Securities*, No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York, May 4, 1871.

THE SIX PER CENT GOLD BONDS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD CO. are secured upon a property, which, when the extension to the Ohio River, now in process of rapid construction, is completed and fully equipped, will represent a cost of nearly $30,000,000, and an actual value in Road, Franchises, rights of way, &c., of not less than $50,000,000. The total amount of the loan is $15,000,000, of which nearly one-half, or over $7,000,000, have already been sold.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC BONDS negotiated by us, amounting to $25,885,000, have a ready market everywhere, being favorably known and actively dealt in at all the principal Stock Exchanges of this country and Europe, and are readily salable at all times at quoted market price, which is now above par.

The Bonds of the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD CO. we believe to be of equal value and security, and must in time take a like rank in market value and salable character.

Holders of Five-Twenty Bonds, desiring to fund them otherwise than in the New Five Per Cent Government Loan, may do so with entire safety, at a profit of about 20 per cent, and without reduction of interest, by an exchange for the Bonds of the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD CO.

Present price 90, and accrued interest from May 1.

We also buy and sell Government Securities, and the Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Co., and as Agents of the U. S. Government, will attend to the funding of 5-20s into the new U. S. Bonds.

FISK & HATCH.

THE BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD of Iowa is now earning more than 12 per cent net on the amount of its mortgage obligations.

Its 7 per cent gold bonds are equal for security to Governments or any Railroad issue. They command a ready market, and we are prepared to buy and sell them at all times.

No investment in the market, possessing equal guarantees of safety, returns an equal percentage of interest.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy has given a traffic guarantee, and obligates itself to invest in these bonds 50 per cent of the gross earnings derived from all business from this road. This is sufficient indication of the estimate of the enterprise by the largest and most far-sighted corporation in the West.

Price 90 and accrued interest in currency. Pamphlets and full particulars furnished on application.

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LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD CONSOLIDATED SEVEN PER CENT FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.—The small amount remaining unsold are offered at NINETY-TWO AND ONE-HALF and accrued interest.

The security of these bonds is beyond any question, and the price, in comparison with other first-class Railroad bonds, very low.

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TO BROKERS.—Wanted, a position as Bookkeeper and Cashier in a Stock or Gold House, by a party thoroughly posted in the business. Best of reference given. Address W. L. J., Box 5,251, P.O.

THE MARKETS.

[Carefully reported for THE TRIBUNE.]

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1871.

ASHES—There continued a good demand for Pots, and the market is firm, but in prices we hear of no change of importance; we quote at $6 75@$7 25; Pearls are very dull, but prices are steady at $9@$9 75.

BROOMS AND BROOM CORN—Brooms are in limited demand and in good supply at $1 50@$4 ⅌ doz. Corn is in fair demand: Common, heavy and inactive; other kinds steady and in fair demand; sales of Red at 4c.