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ITS RARE WORKS AND RECENT COSTLY ACQUISITIONS—EARLY TREATISES AND MAPS CONNECTED WITH THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA—THE TEXT BOOK OF COLUMBUS—CURIOUS CHART OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

The Astor Library, as might naturally be expected in one so recently formed, is not remarkable for books of which the whole value consists in their rarity. In a late visit to it we found but few only of this class. On the other hand, it appeared to be well furnished with the most important and most valuable works in every department, especially with those which develope the progress of human knowledge in the last half century. Whatever of antiquity recent researches have disentombed and unrolled, can there be seen and studied in the costly works which describe them. The wonders of ancient Egypt can be examined in the exact delineations of its monuments, either of Champollion or Rosellini or Lepsius, and those of Nineveh in Layard or Botta and Flandin; of India, in Ferguson; of Greece, in Stuart, Inwood and Wilkins; of Pompeii and Herculaneum, in Gell, Zahn or Breton; of Rome in Piranesi, Visconti and Canina; of Mexico and Central America, in Lord Kingsborough, Humboldt, Dupaix and Waldeck.

Ancient and modern art is well represented by a rich collection of museums and galleries of engravings of the works of the great masters, in painting and sculpture. Among these the following deserve especial notice. The "Musée Francais" is a proof copy before the letter, with very brilliant plates; the "Galerie du Palais Pitti" is also a proof copy; the "Loggie di Raffaele nel Vaticano," including the Volte, Pilastri and Arazeschi, are beautifully and delicately colored by hand, exactly like the originals; the copy of Mautemesster's engravings of the "Loges du Vatican," including all the prints of Raphael's bible, is a splendid one on China paper, and there are many others scarcely less worthy of note.

Directly over that portion of the library saloon appropriated to the last named class of books, we found a large collection in a department still more important—that of the useful arts. Of these we may specify Wyatt's "Industrial Arts of the Nineteenth Century," Armengaud's "Publication Industrielle," "Etablissemens Industrielles de la Belgique," "Revue Générale de l'Architecture," Rennie's work on harbors, Smeaton and the two Stevensons on the great English lighthouses. From the beginning which has been made in this department, we infer that it is intended to make it very complete, and such as the inventive and rapidly advancing industry of the country requires; and knowing that it is one for which Mr. W. B. Astor has made especial provision, there can be no doubt that this object will be effected.

We were pleased to observe that natural history had not been neglected in forming this library. In every branch of it we found the leading works on its shelves, but we can only specify a few. Audubon's "Birds and Quadrupeds," both large and small editions; Gould's "Birds of Europe and Australia;" Bloch's "Fishes," Sipthorp's "Flora Græca;" Lambert's "Pines;" Cuvier's "Animal Kingdom," both in French and English; Martin's "Palms of Brazil;" Abbot's "Insects of Georgia;" Kiener's "Coquilles Vivantes," and Chenu's "Illustrations Conchologiques," will suffice to show on what scale this department is established. Of the books in this library which are remarkable for their early date, rarity or cost, we have only space to notice a few.

The earliest printed book in the collection is a copy of "Cicero de Officiis," from the press of Faust & Schoeffer, in Mayence, February, 1466; it is in the original binding which must have been put on before the year 1607, as the book belonged to Charles of Lorraine, Bishop of Metz, and grandson of Henry II of France, who died in that year. His coat of arms is stamped on both the covers.

The most costly single volume is the first folio of Shakspeare, printed in London 1623, which was bought at the sale of the Duke of Buckingham's library in 1849, for eighty pounds sterling.

Among the reprints there is one particularly deserving of notice; it is a *fac simile* of the "Deux Lettres Envoisées de la Nouvelle France" in 1656, to the heads of the Mission in Paris. From 1632 to 1672 annual reports were made of the principal events of the two American missions in Canada and among the Hurons, which were published in Paris, but for the year 1656 no regular "Relation" has ever been discovered, and the above is supposed to have been the substitute for it; of this but a single copy was known to exist and that was in the library of the provincial parliament in Canada. This was lost in the conflagration of the Parliament House in 1854, and had not Mr. Lenox been in possession of a *fac simile* of it, no copy would be now in existence. Of this he has caused a few copies to be struck off, one of which he presented to each of the large public libraries of the country.

We also noticed here the superb French edition of the "Bhagavata Purana, ou Histoire Poetique de Krichna," (Sacred Book of the Hindoos,) which was printed in 1849, at the Imprimerie Royal.

Amongst the large number of other Oriental works to be found in this library, that which will perhaps most excite the veneration of juvenile visitors, is a fine copy of the "Alif Laila," or Book of the Thousand and One Nights, printed from an Egyptian MS. brought to India by the late Major Turner Macan, editor of the *Shah-Nameh*.

The most curious book in the whole collection is, however, the "Imago Mundi" of Petrus de Alyaco or Peter d'Ailly, as he is more frequently called. This writer was born in the year 1350. He was successively Bishop of Puy, Cambray, and Cardinal and Legate to Avignon, where he died in 1420. This first treatise, as appears by the record at the end of it, was written in 1410, but the volume has no date to show in what year it was printed. The two treatises "De Concordia Absonomice Veritatis cum Historia," were printed in Vienna in 1490, and it is probable that the "Imago Mundi" was printed in the same year. This latter treatise has a peculiar value and interest in connection with the discovery of America. In Irving's Life and Voyages of Columbus (New York edition, 1848, vol. 2, p. 11, 12,) he thus speaks of it: "Being at Seville and making researches in the Bibliotheca Columbina, the library given by Fernando Columbus to the Cathedral of the city, I came accidentally upon the above mentioned copy of the work of Peter Aliaco. It is an old volume in folio, bound in parchment, published soon after the invention of printing, containing a collection in Latin of astronomical and cosmographical tracts of Pedro de Aliaco and of his disciple John Gerson. Aliaco was the author of many works, and one of the most learned and ingenious men of his day. Las Casas is of opinion that his writings had more effect in stimulating Columbus to the enterprise than those of any other author. His work was so familiar to Columbus that he had filled its whole margin with Latin notes, in his handwriting, citing many things which he had read and gathered elsewhere. 'This book, which was very old,' continues Las Casas, 'I had many times in my hands, and I drew some things from it, written in Latin, by the said Admiral Christopher Columbus, to verify certain points appertaining to his history, of which I before was in doubt.' (Hist. Ind. lib. cap. 11.) It was a great satisfaction to the author, therefore, to discover the identical volume, the *Vade Mecum* of Columbus, in a state of good preservation. (It is in the Cathedral Library, E. G. Tab. 178, No. 21.) The notes and citations mentioned by Las Casas, are in Latin, with many abbreviations written in a very small but neat and distinct hand, and run throughout the volume, calling attention to the most striking passages, or to those which bear most upon the theories of Columbus, occasionally containing brief comments in citing the opinions of other authors, ancient and modern, either in support or in contradiction of the text. The memorandum particularly cited by Las Casas, mentioning the voyage of Bartholomew Diaz, to the Cape of Good Hope, is to disprove an opinion in the text that the torrid zone was uninhabitable. This volume is a most curious and interesting document—the only one that remains of Columbus prior to his discovery. It illustrates his researches, and in a manner the current of his thoughts while as yet his great enterprise existed but in idea, and while he was seeking means to convince the world of its practicability. It will be found also to contain the grounds of his opinions and speculations on a variety of subjects."

The geographical department has a *fac simile* of the following very curious map:—"Carte de della Cosa piloto de Christophe Columb redigée en lannee 1500." Of this map Alexander Humboldt remarks: "To conceive the importance of this geographical monument, it is sufficient to call to mind that it is six years prior to the death of Columbus, and that the earliest charts of America, exclusive of those in the editions of Ptolemy or of the comographies of the fifteenth century, hitherto known, are those of 1527 and 1529, in the library of the Grand Duke of Weimar. The original chart here referred to was sold in April, 1853, for $4,026 francs, or $800. The *fac simile* in the Astor Library was made by Jomard for Mr. Walckenaer, the former owner of the original chart.

In this department will also be found copies of the "Carte Topographique de la France," of which about two hundred sheets are published, and of the ordnance map of Great Britain.

We cannot conclude this brief notice of the more remarkable features of this splendid collection without expressing our sense of the obligations which we are under to its learned and amiable curator, Dr. Cogswell, for the facilities which he afforded us during our visit.

Cricket

OPENING OF THE SEASON.

On Monday last the Harlem Club opened the season by a muster of the members of their club for play, on their ground, at 116th street, near Second avenue, and in the evening elected the following gentlemen officers for the present season: Mr. T Godwin, President; Mr. Shepherd, treasurer; Mr. White, Secretary.

On Wednesday last the St. George's Club opened the season by a day's play on Sams' Mound, Hoboken, at which there was a goodly muster of cricketers from other clubs, and also a number of the Free Academy students, who as usual show the interest they take in this manly game by being present as often as they can on all such occasions.

Saturday.—The Free Academy clubs mustered in force at the Red House and at the cricket ground, Hoboken, near Elysian Fields.

To-day, (Monday.)—The New York Club commence their season by a day's play at Sams' Cricket Ground, Hoboken, at which, if it is fine weather, there will be some good playing.

In Philadelphia.—The Kensington Cricket Club, and the Philadelphia Cricket Club have commenced operations—the latter club numbering about eighty Americans—aided by the Secretary, Mr. Wm Rotch Wister, Mr. Kuhn, and other influential gentlemen.

The Paterson Club have commenced practice, and will play the New York Club on Monday two weeks.

The Williamsburg Club are on the alert, and a new American cricket club has just been formed, with Mr. Fox as President.

CRICKET IN HOBOKEN.

An exciting game of cricket took place on Thursday, the 3d inst., on the New York cricket ground in Hoboken, between the Hudson and Canal street players, and after a close contest it ended in favor of the former. The following is the score:—

HUDSON STREET.

First Innings.		*Second Innings.*	
J. Miller, hit wicket	4	Run out	0
E. Scott, not out	35	Not out	20
H. Grace, c out	0	b. Simons	9
J. Bunce, c. out	1	Run out	0
J Connor, st. out	6	b. Moscraft	4
W. Eggleston run out	7	c. out	0
S. Anss, run out	0	hit wicket	0
H. Davis, st. out	0	b. Simons	0
Total	53	Total	33

CANAL STREET.

First Innings.		*Second Innings.*	
B. Simons, b. Scott	0	b. Miller	9
E. Moscraft, b Scott	23	b. Scott	32
J. Hicks, run out	0	b. Scott	1
E. Long, hit wicket	1	b. Connor	3
S. Jordon, b. Scott	3	b Scott	0
W. Livingston, b. Scott	2	b Connor	2
J Bray, b. Miller	0	run out	0
E. Edwards, not out	0	not out	0
Total	29	Total	47

Fire Marshal's Investigation.

COMMITTALS FOR ARSON.

Before Justice Connolly.

FIRE IN PEARL STREET.—On the 27th of April, at day time, a fire occurred in a third story room, in the frame building No. 529 Pearl street, occupied by Ellen Daly. A colored woman named Harriet Douglas, came to the house and wanted Mrs. Daly to let her lodge there. She refused. Harriett replied, "Never mind; I will leave you all without a home before long." She then left the house, but subsequently returned and took away her things, which had been left in Mrs. Daly's care. She was seen again to go into the room, and after remaining there some five or ten minutes, she was seen hurrying out of the room and going down stairs, when at the same instant smoke was discovered coming from the room, she left, and instantly the place was found on fire. There were two boxes of matches on the mantel piece when Harriett went into the room, and after the fire only one box remained. Other witnesses corroborate the testimony of Mrs. Daly. The accused was examined yesterday and stated as follows:—I am 34 years of age, born in New York; I live at 150 Anthony street; I go out to service. In reference to the charge against me, I did not do it; in the sight of God I am not guilty. The magistrate then committed her to the Tombs for trial, in default of $5,000 bail.

FIRE IN CEDAR STREET.—An attempt, was made on the 28th of April, to fire the building No. 98 Cedar street, occupied principally by families. The attempt was made in the day time. Smoke of burning straw was discovered issuing from the under cellar. Mr. Dowdall went into the cellar and there found a man, calling himself John Johnson, a foreigner, endeavoring to conceal himself in one corner. Policeman Donohoe was called in, who took Johnson into custody. On his person was found a box of matches; and, when asked why he set fire to the straw, he said had done so to warm himself. The ashes of the burnt straw were found close to a wood partition of a wine bin. The accused was taken before Justice Connolly, on the charge of attempting to set the said building on fire. Yesterday, the prisoner was examined. He said he was 23 years of age, born in Europe, lived in Cedar street, and was a sailor. In reference to the charge, he said—"I did not intend to set fire to the house, that's all I have to say." The magistrate then committed him to prison for trial, in default of $1,500 bail.

Personal Intelligence.

ARRIVALS.

At the St. Nicholas—Franklin Tuxbur, Mass.; Chas. G. Seel, Rochester; E F Wood, Savannah; L G Longee, Portland; S M Raymond, Mrs J H Nichols, Wisconsin.

At the Metropolitan—Mrs John Tyler, Boston; S F Chalfin, West Point; G A Lucas, New York; J M Ball, New York.

At the Prescott—M Nicholls, U S Navy; Mr Krunbach, Halifax; Charles Alfter, Wisconsin; E Hylfoot, Halifax.

From Savannah, in the steamship Alabama—A Strong, A Winslow and lady, Mrs Loomis, F W Riley, H C Riley, J Curtis and child, Mr Barrett, R J Pennings, J M Daw, J H Scott Geo W Spalding, Miss A Yonge, O Hagerty, Miss C G Van Vechten, E H Aldrich, lady, child and infant, Mrs G W Pratt, infant and 2 children, A W Longfellow, M N Parker, J R Lancaster, M Bryant, C G Lee, W Wiswall, T H Holford, G J Johnson, P Kimberly, T J Kinchley, M C Hurlbert, P S Allen, H D Lorgan, R Holindort, Lewis Rathbone, Mrs Nichols, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs Winthrop, G T Winthrop, Miss Anna Kerr, Miss Benscome, Miss Sweet, Joseph Jony and lady, T B Harrington, C B Price, John Ross, Robt Stuson—and 45 in the steerage.

In the steamship Roanoke from Norfolk, &c—W D Clarke, F L McKinney, Paul Paulson, Samuel Vincent, Edward Upton, Andrew G Clapp, Wm G Clapp, James L Post, George H H Bennett, Wm F Wade, John Halsey, Wm McLean, Robert G Murry, N Kelly, H H Cambell, Samuel Portlock, J Littlefield, W H Robbins, Benj L Caulk, Andrew G Rogers, Henry A Martin, Wm P Carson, Wm M Slocum Sam S Babcock, Wm Mahone and lady, Daniel G Manning, John Field and lady, J Williams, A Plasted and 16 steerage.

DEPARTURES.

For California, in the steamship George Law, via Aspinwall and Panama railroad—Lieut Beale and family, Lieut Williamson, U S A; Lieut Abbott, U S A; D C Anderson, F A Haven, B S Buckley, J Hesper, M Fillebrown, J Young, Capt J Findlay Schenck, U S N; W M Clay, J Ross Brown and family, J Thorn, Mrs Hardy and son, Mrs Marshal Mrs Neal and son, B W Leigh and lady, J Williams and lady, Miss Bellknap and servant, Miss Hill, D A Hall, lady and child, Calhoun Benham and lady, Mrs Diamond and servant, C Diamond and servant, T L Thompson, J R Mead, C W Cook, lady and children, F Worth, J Heywoods, G Taft, Mrs C Steel, Mrs M Leland and child, G O Whitney, wife, three children and servant, Miss S P Hutchinson, Mrs Elliott and 2 children, Mr Dorr, lady and child, Senor Tirado and family, J G Gizmod, Mrs Masterson and servant, Miss Huxtable, Mrs M Hagg and two children, Mrs J F Pratt and two infants, G [illegible] lady, child and servant, Mrs C Rogers, Miss M Goodall, Mrs Howell, J Howell and wife, D Hart, W Brooks, J C Leeds, Mrs E Young, Mrs P Jacobs, Mrs C McKenzie, Mrs J R Condon, Mrs Barnes and family, Miss F White, Miss E Sherman, Miss E Rider, Mrs Prince, Miss I Lee, Mrs Hackett, Mrs Farmer, Mrs C Green and infant, Mrs Chambrey, Mrs Humphrey and three children, Mrs Hanch and four children, Mrs M Coughy and child, Mrs C A Dexter and daughter, Miss S Allen, Miss A Weintrab, Miss Jones, Mrs Brewer and child, Mrs S Snider and child, Mrs M Emerson child and infant, Mrs E Priest, Mrs A B Fishery and child, Mrs M Winslow and son, Mrs Squiers, Mrs Baseler child and infant, Mrs Kling and children, A Franser and lady, Mrs L Davis, Mrs A McGregor and infant, Mrs Meyer, Mrs B C Potter and infant, A Duvall, J Duvall, C Retau, J Norris, J K Whittmore, G S Matthewson, W H Matthewson, F F Floyd, R Scott, W Hill, J S Keen, R F Osborne, J Dow, J Gardiner C Soulliu; H Nathanz, J V Pen, H Harris, H Merrit, W H Merrit, W Pierce lady and child, C Collins, A Breer, E J Paine, C Quinn and lady, A E Langdon, A Bateser, H White, C W Taylor, A B Taylor, W Mitchell, J Linard, A J Smith, E S Cronkrite, A T Birmingham, C Brangard, C Rogers, A Rogers, R Barnard, A Busson, Mrs Brenner and two children, Mrs R Dwyer and two children, Mrs Isaacs and child, Mrs Graham and two children, Miss M Scallagh, Mrs Kline and two children, Mrs O M Cann, Mrs E Stewart, Mrs Riley, Mrs M Regan, Miss Wilson, Miss McFarland, Miss Meack, Mrs A Knorp and infant, Miss Smith, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs O'Roke, Mrs Mell, Miss C Walker, Mary Hale, Mrs Barrett and three children, Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Wright, J Mc. Allister, H Webber, M Rees, H Wile, J Gill, G Crabb, J Lamb, O McArdle, W Hamilton, G Nails, J Olwell, W Dagger, P Stewart, L D Bailey, T Jones M Casey, Martin W Powell, W G Putnam, Thos Powell, D T Jacobs, J G Irving, D Farmer, John Wall, A Wall, D B Robbins, G Weld, S H Bush, W W Cofield, R Holland, J M Billingsle, J Charles, N Bloodgood, R McIntyre, H Stevens, S Medinsky, J Holt, H Lee, L Buckner, G Swain, T Maugin, J Counter, D Rice, D Barnes, J M Miller, J Bailey, J Richards, A Deaton, C N Smith, S David, M Decorn, D Kelly M Lyon, T Walsh and a full complement of passengers in the steerage.

FROM THE BRITISH PROVINCES.—On the 1st Wm. O. Smith was elected Mayor of St. John, receiving 972 votes, to 836 for his opponent. The *New Brunswicker* says that Mr. Smith is in favor of granting licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors. The *New Brunswicker* has an article calling upon the people of that Province to turn their attention to agriculture, the fruits of the earth at the present time yielding twice as much as can be made at any other kind of labor. There is in the province seven million acres of uncultivated land.

Dramatic and Musical Matters.

At the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, during the past week, Verdi's new opera, the "Trovatore," has been given twice to full houses. It will be repeated this evening, with Steffanone, Brignoli, Vestvali, and Amodio in the principal parts. No opera was ever so well done here before as the "Trovatore," and no one who has a taste for the lyric art, combined with strong dramatic effect, should fail to see it.

At the BROADWAY THEATRE, on Saturday night, Mr. Forrest completed his engagement of forty-two nights, during which the production of "Coriolanus" was the only novelty. This piece was performed nine times. To-night Miss Fanny Vining, who appeared here lately as Margaret Elmore, on the occasion of Mr. Davenport's benefit, and made a "hit," will commence an engagement as Juliet, Mr Conway as Romeo, and Mr. Grace as Mercutio. Two new plays are in rehearsal—"Love and Loyalty," written by Mr. Robson, and produced a short time since at the Marylebone theatre, London; and "Charity's Love," also an English piece.

At BURTON'S THEATRE there has been nothing new during the week. Mr. H. Hall had a benefit on Saturday, and concluded his engagement here. This evening a translation of M. Dumas' play, "The Youthful Days of Louis XIV." will be presented for the first time. The piece is announced to be played with new scenery and costumes. Mr. Burton plays Cardinal Mazarin, and the name of every member of the company is included in the cast. Such an announcement should draw a crowd.

At WALLACK'S THEATRE, this evening, Lovell's comedy "Look Before you Leap," is announced for the first time here. Mr. Blake, Mr. Brougham, Mr. Dyott, Mr Vincent, Mrs. Hoey, Miss Bennett, and Mrs. Stephens play the principal parts. To morrow night Miss Bennett's benefit is announced, when "The Belle's Stratagem" and "Perfection" will be played.

At the BOWERY THEATRE the new allegorical piece "The Seven Temptations," has been quite successful, and is announced for another week. The performance will commence to-night with a new play called "The King's Fool," in which Mr. R. Johnston will appear.

At the AMERICAN MUSEUM an excellent selection of entertainments is offered for this afternoon and evening.

At DODWORTH'S ACADEMY, No. 806 Broadway, a concert is to be given to-morrow night by Signor Bernardi and Chas. Wells, Mme. Oscar Comettant, Mrs. G. Stuart, Signor Gasparoni and Mr. Frazer will assist. The programme is full of excellent selections.

At the METROPOLITAN THEATRE, on Thursday evening next, the complimentary benefit to that estimable artist Mme. Augusta, will take place. The principal attraction will be Auber's "La Bayadere," in which several popular artists, including the beneficiary, will appear. We trust that the testimonial will be such an one as the recipient deserves.

At WOOD'S MINSTRELS, No. 472 Broadway, a good concert programme is announced for this evening, and the performance will conclude with the "Wandering Minstrel."

At BUCKLEY'S, 539 Broadway, the burlesque opera of "Cinderella" is announced for to-night. It is very good.

At PERHAM'S, 663 Broadway, to-night, "Robbers, Take Care," a new negro burlesque, is announced.

Mr. BARNEY WILLIAMS offers three prizes to dramatic authors—the first, $150 for a farce; the second, $300 for a comedy or drama, in three acts; the third, $500 for a comedy in three or five acts. It is a *sine qua non* that the best parts in all these pieces must be those of an Irishman and a Yankee girl.

PHILADELPHIA.—Miss Eliza Logan announces an engagement at the Walnut, this evening. Mrs. Farren is at the City Museum. It is stated that a splendid new theatre will shortly be erected in this city. Mlle. Nau, Mr. St. Albyn and Miss Albyn Stewart sing at the Philharmonic Concert this week.

BOSTON.—The Pyne and Harrison opera troupe closed at the Boston theatre, on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams commence an engagement this evening. Mr. Eddy is playing at the National, where he has produced "Jean Remy" with success. Mr. G. E. Locke is giving Yankee pieces at the Howard. A colored woman of the name of Webb has been giving readings from Shakspere to thin audiences. She is absurdly called the "Black Siddons."

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Mr. E. L. Davenport has been playing here to full houses, and remains during this week.

ALBANY.—The Museum has closed permanently. Mr. C. T. Smith has opened the Green Street Theatre.

LOUISVILLE.—Miss Julia Hayne has been playing here, but has returned to New York. Mr. Murdock is now playing here.

SAVANNAH.—Crisp, with his dramatic company, and Macallister are amusing the people here.

NEW ORLEANS.—A performance was given last Sunday night at the St. Charles theatre, for the benefit of the actors connected with the German company recently of the American theatre, by the destruction of which they lost their wardrobes. The affair was managed by a committee of thirty citizens. The Varieties theatre will be rebuilt. It is said that Mr. T. Placide will be the manager.

FOREIGN ITEMS.—Fraulein Jenny Ney made her debut at Covent Garden, London, on the night when the Emperor of the French visited the house. The opera was "Fidelio." The *Daily News* says:—

It is reported that Mr. Mitchell, of Bond street, London, will take over to Paris an English dramatic company during the period of the Exhibition.

Mlle. Ney is thoroughly German in her style of singing and acting. She possesses considerable histrionic power, and is an accomplished vocalist. With a full soprano voice of great range, power, richness, and volume, she is fully capable of developing the deep passion with which the music of the part of Leonora is charged.

The opera at Drury lane opened with the "Sonnambula" on the 14th, conducted by Mr. Tully, with Madame Gassier for Amina, Signor Bettini for Elvino, and M. Gassier for Rodolfo.

A singer, M. Darius, who used to double M. Lais at the Grand Opera of Paris, and who is rated in French newspaper paragraphs as one hundred and two years old, appeared the other day at a charity concert at Rouen in two of the opera airs which he used to sing "sixty years since."

Among other amusements talked about as in projection for Paris during the coming exhibition season, is mentioned a company of Italian actors, headed by Signora Ristori. The lady is reputed in her own country to be equally excellent in grave and in gay drama.

The concerts for Sir Henry Bishop, at Exeter Hall, were highly successful. He was too ill to conduct the last one.

The Easter pieces were still drawing well at the regular theatres.

At the Opera Comique, Paris, a two act comedy, "La Cour de Célemève," written by M. Rosier and composed by M. A. Thomas, has been produced. The *Athenæum* says it is "paltry." "Lisette," a new opera by Oriolan, has been successful at the Lyrique. At the Varieties the last vaudeville is by MM. Locroy and Michel, and is called "Un Homme qui a Perdu son Do." There is a street vocalist, named Fumadel (M. Lassagne), who has lost his do (*i. e.* the note C) by a severe cold, and is, consequently obliged to enter into the service of an eccentric hardwaremen, who keeps a live cow and calf in his kitchen. As a medicine for his dilapidated voice, Fumadel absorbs the nourishment destined for the calf, and it proves so efficacious that his execution of favorite airs obtains for him a young and lovely wife.

Three new pieces have been recently brought out at the Palais Royal. "Pilbox et Firquet" by M. Duponts, is a military anecdote, in which a Scotch Highlander and a French Zouave, who squabble for the love of a *vivandière*, are the principal personages. "Une Bal d'Au vergnat," by MM. Giraudin and Delacour, is an extravaganza. The most important of the three is "Minette," a vaudeville, by MM. L. Thibout and Jaimetlis, in which M. Ravel plays the principal part, but which is too much connected with the lorette-life to interest the English reader.

"La Dame de St. Tropez" has been revived at the Ambigu-Comique, for the appearance of M. F. Lemaitre.

"Le Prophete" has been revived at the Grand Opera, with Madame Stoltz as Fides.

The receipts at the places of public amusement, during the month of March, amount to 1,281,896f. 26c., showing an increase of 29,183f. 20c. on the receipts of February.

Miss Fanny Kemble gave a reading of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Glasgow recently, and the receipts amounted to £245.

Mme. Laborde (well known here) has appealed to the courts to settle a difference of opinion between herself and Mr. Laborde. The lady engaged to sing at the French Opera for 2,500f. per month. M. Laborde refused to allow her to sing, notwithstanding he had given her a general permission to exercise her profession. The tribunal decided against the lady.

The once renowned cantatrice, Madame Stackel Heinefetter, is now lodged in the lunatic asylum of Vienna.

"L'Etoile du Nord" has flourished exactly one year, and the joint proprietors, Messrs. Meyerbeer and Scribe, have realized from the Opera Comique alone the sum of £1,280, and have very pleasant prospects for the future from this establishment, and the whole of France and the continent.

A few days before the departure of the King of Portugal for Italy, a concert took place at the Necessidades Palace, in which his Majesty sang a duet with Madame Castellan, an aria from *I Lombardi*, and several other *morceaux* with the *artistes* of the Italian Opera. His Majesty's voice is a baritone, and he is said to be an excellent musician.

Madame Jenny Lind Goldschmidt will visit Paris next month.

Mdlle. Duporet, a celebrated actress in high comedy, who made her *debut* at the Theatre Francais in 1810, and retired in 1840, re-appeared last week on the occasion of her benefit, and played Dorine in "Tartuffe," and Madame Abraham in "L'Ecole des Bourgeois."

Mr. G. W. Torrance, of Dublin, has composed an oratorio called "Abraham." It was performed, and was completely successful.

Observance of the Sabbath.

VIOLATION OF THE SUNDAY LAW—DESCENT UPON A LAGER BIER SALOON—ARREST OF THE DISORDERLY PARTIES.

In consequence of the new order issued by Mayor Wood, which was published in yesterday's paper, instructing the policemen relative to their duties in enforcing a becoming, quiet and orderly conduct on the Sabbath an usual degree of vigilance and activity was displayed by the policemen yesterday. In different parts of the city we observed large bodies of them congregated around liquor shops and public houses, apparently intent upon the strict discharge of their duties, in accordance with the wishes of the Mayor; but in few instances was their presence required.

A rather curious case of violation of the Sunday law, however, came to our knowledge at a late hour last evening. It seems that at a lager bier saloon, situated at No. 121 Pitt street, a party of Germans were assembled, enjoying themselves after the most approved Dutch fashion, dancing, singing, sipping their quiet little glass of lager bier, and listening to the sweet strains of music poured forth by some half dozen musicians, when their jollification was suddenly interrupted by the appearance of a formidable body of policemen, who immediately nabbed the whole of the disorderly assembly, and politely escorted them to the eleventh ward station house, where they were comfortably lodged for the night. The scene, on the arrival of the officers, is represented as extremely ludicrous. The number of arrests made amounted to twenty seven, the name of one of whom we were unable to ascertain. The others are:—Lewis Vegas, Caspar Rohn, Charles Feehling, John Zimmerman, Jacob Fight Kissebrach Frederick Weis, Mr. Rutman, Jacob Aunail, Valentine Snuler, John A. Demany, John Gruel, John Eucherman, Martin Gaso, Simeon Newhouse, Charles and George Waltz, Emanuel Finefellow, Henry Bruf, Christopher Millee, H. M. Huyman, Andrew Killiam, John Terry, Christian Cook, George Hohn, and Jacob Pitzer.

DRUNKEN ROW IN THE SEVENTEENTH WARD.

At one o'clock on Sunday morning a party of men who had been drinking freely in a low groggery in Twelfth street, near First avenue, became engaged in a row, which resulted in a riot on a small scale. Stones, brickbats, clubs, knives and other weapons, equally of a dangerous nature, were used indiscriminately on both sides. Captain Hart, of the Seventeenth ward police, hearing of the occurrence, hastened to the spot, and after some difficulty succeeded in quelling the disturbance and arresting the most conspicuous of the rioters. Patrick Rooney and Daniel Gallagher were taken into custody on the complaint of Thomas Moloy, who charges them with having beat him unmercifully with a club. Patrick Francis was arrested for having a slung shot in his hands. Several others who were riotous in their conduct were also taken to the station house and locked up for the remainder of the night. Yesterday the prisoners were brought before Justice Wood, at the Essex Market Police. Here Gallagher, Francis, and Rooney were locked up for examination while the others were discharged, there not being sufficient evidence to detain them. Capt. Hart complains frequently of the rowdy propensities of the people inhabiting this neighborhood, which has on many other occasions been the scene of desperate faction fights.

THE SALE OF LIQUOR YESTERDAY—ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Quite a change was perceptible yesterday in the general appearance of the city, from what we have been wont to see for the past four months. Nearly one half the grog shops were fearlessly kept open, notwithstanding the proclamation of the Mayor, published a few days ago, enjoining them to quit the sale of liquor on the Sabbath. As a matter of course, the number of disorderlies increased in proportion to the facilities for obtaining intoxicating beverages. Consequently the magistrates at the various police courts were kept pretty busy the entire day in disposing of those brought up before them for drunkenness. About forty persons were committed by Justice Connolly, for being intoxicated and disorderly.

SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING IN WILLIAMSBURG.

Yesterday afternoon, officer Cochen, of the Fifth District Police, reported Mr Smith, grocer, corner of First and South Fifth streets, for selling liquor on Sunday. Daniel Cummings, who was seen coming out of the place intoxicated, was arrested and locked up as a witness.

THE SUNDAY LAW IN JERSEY CITY.

The Sunday law is very strictly observed in Jersey City. Yesterday was a very quiet day. The police found but a few places of business in operation, and notified the proprietors thereof to appear before the Recorder this morning.

THRONGS IN THE ELYSIAN FIELDS.

Yesterday being warm and pleasant, was rather the opening day of the season for resort to Hoboken, and the Elysian Fields were thronged—a large number of persons from New York availing themselves of the opportunity of leisure to resort thither. The public houses there do business under considerable restraint on Sunday, on account of the disposition shown to enforce the State laws on the subject.

Police Intelligence.

CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENCES.

Augustus Hitz, keeper of an intelligence office at No. 65 Greenwich street, was yesterday arrested by officer Sweeney, of the lower police court, charged with swindling a German girl named Theresa Swinle, out of $75. The complainant alleges that she went to the accused's place of business in order to obtain a situation, and that while there was induced by him to deposit the above sum in his hands for safe keeping: that when she asked Hitz for the money, some days after she left it with him, he refused to give it to her, or render any satisfactory account of the same. Justice Connolly committed the prisoner to answer.

ALLEGED GRAND LARCENY.

Officer Lockwood, of the Seventeenth ward police, arrested a young man named Andrew Clark, charged with stealing about $100 worth of property from the premises of Thomas Wherre, of 146 First avenue. The evidence against Clark goes to show that he was discovered in the house by Mrs. Wherre, who alarmed the fellow, who immediately started off with the property in his possession. He was immediately pursued by the officer, who succeeded in arresting him. The accused was taken before Justice Wood, at the Essex Market Police Court, where he was committed for examination.

CHARGED WITH ROBBING HIS EMPLOYER.

Jacob Fuchs was brought before Justice Wood, at the Third District Police Court, charged with having stolen wearing apparel and other property valued at $75, from his employer, Henry W. Fisher, of 176 Grand street. The accused admitted taking the property away from the premises, but protested the complainant's valuing the property at $75, as in his opinion the amount stolen would not bring more than $20, if put up for sale. The magistrate committed the accused for trial on charge of grand larceny.

Brooklyn City News.

THROWN FROM A HORSE AND KILLED.—On Saturday afternoon last, a young son of Mr. Jerome Ryerson, named George, was thrown from a horse belonging to his father, which he was riding on the Flatbush road, and killed. The lad is something over fourteen years of age. The horse, which is a fast trotter, called "General Pierce," commenced going at a rapid pace, and the boy letting go the bridle rein tried to hold himself by the mane and fell off, striking his head against a stone and cashing in his skull. He never spoke afterwards, and died in about two hours. Mr. Ryerson was coming along the same road in a wagon, and came up shortly after the melancholy occurrence. He was conveyed to Nelson's tavern, where he breathed his last.

THE BROOKLYN LIQUOR DEALERS.—It is understood that the Kings County Liquor Dealers' Association have secured the legal services of Judge Vanderbilt and H. G. Murphy, Esq.

Court Calendar—This Day.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Equity causes.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 88, 40 to 43.

SUPREME COURT—General Term.—Non-enumerated motions, and Nos. 63, 104, 47, 10, 14, 22, 23, 25, 28, 32, 49 to 53.

SUPREME COURT—Circuit.—Nos. 1852, 1 to 14.

SUPERIOR COURT—(Four branches.)—Nos. 592, 533, 545, 206, 507, 739, 483, 787, 158¾, 792, 794, 810, 813, 817, 819, 821, 822, 826, 829, 832, 833, 836, 840, 406, 410, 557, 424, 286½, 54½, 800.

COMMON PLEAS—Part 1.—Nos. 127, 140, 170, 216, 301, 322, 467, 416, 442, 469, 183, 173, 181, 196, 197. Part 2.—Nos. 46, 61, 164, 233, 263, 332, 340, 341, 345 to 346, 356 366, 381.

The May Term of the Law Courts.

This being the first Monday in the month, the trial term of the State Courts will be opened; the federal Courts are already in session. In the United States Circuit a motion will be made this afternoon for an injunction to restrain the publication of a work purporting to give a history of convent life in this country; the oratrix in the suit, Miss Josephine Bunkley, an escaped nun from the St. Joseph's Convent, Emmetsburg, complains that the book is about being published without her authority, one of the defendants, Mr. Beale, to whom she entrusted the manuscript, having made arrangements with Dewitt and Davenport to bring out the work. The publishers contend that they entered into the negotiations with Beale in good faith, and if there is any remedy for the plaintiff it is against Beale alone, and not against them.

In the United States District Court the trial of Colonel Kinney and Mr. Fabens, charged with fitting out an expedition against Nicaragua, is set down for to-day. There will be also some criminal offences on the high seas, and some cases of counterfeiting, to be tried.

The Supreme Court, General Term, will sit in session this month—the last term they will hold until September next. There are several important causes on the calendar; but whether they will be reached and argued this month, is more than can be foretold.

The Supreme Court, Circuit and Chambers, will also be held, but there will be no special term of this Court during the month of May.

The Superior Court will hold four branches for trials—the most important case on this calendar, as at present known, being the slander suit against C. H. Bowen, of the firm of Bowen & McNamee, brought by one of their late employés. The case was tried once before, when the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff of $6,000. A new trial was granted by the General term, and the case will come up again this month before another jury.

Two branches of the Common Pleas will be open for trials by jury, and the Chambers and Special Term for the usual business. Alderman Sam Briggs will be up in Chambers to-morrow, (Tuesday,) seeking for a compulsory order from the judiciary to compel Mr. McKellar and other gentlemen to answer questions propounded to them by the inquisitorial committee of the Board of Aldermen, and against which they revolted as being degrading, irrelevant, arbitrary and prying.

The business of the Marine Court continues to increase, and