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DEATH DOCTORS. By Hannah Gardner Cramer, pp. 262.

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THE FUTURE OF NATIONS. A Lecture by Louis Kossuth. Revised and corrected by the author. Pp. 44. D. D. Johnson, 15 Broadway, New York, June 21, 1852.

The price marked in the Fowlers' catalogue for this pamphlet, is 12 cents, and they say that when single copies of the works in the list are wanted, the amount in postage stamps, small change or bank notes, may be enclosed in a letter and sent to the publishers, (No. 131 Nassau street, New York), who will forward the books by return of the first mail. Our advice to our readers is, to enclose the postage forthwith, and order Kossuth's future pamphlets, with their thanks to the Fowlers for publishing it in this form for them. We have a reason, and a good one, for this. In our own youth, under the good providence of God, we heard one lecture that had something in it, and handed upon one or two printed pamphlets, such as Dr. Channing's "Self-Culture," and to this day the fragrance of their flower is sweet in the fruit which they continue to yield. Let your boys and girls have the speech.

THE MILK TRADE IN NEW YORK AND VICINITY. By John Mulhally. With an introduction by Dr. Trall. Pp. 118. In paper cover, price 25 cents.

This seems to be a well got up and a very complete book. The farmers and dairy-men will know whether they win it or not. A very hasty glance at it inclines us to think they do.

A NEW THEORY OF POPULATION. Republished from the Westminster Review for April, 1852. Price 12 cents.

The subject of this article does not come, for any good purpose, within the limits of a mere book notice. It can be read in an hour or two, and whoever wants it will be satisfied to know where to get it.

The following pamphlets, reports, &c., have been received from time to time. The crowded condition of our columns will not admit of a more specific notice:

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL POPULAR EDUCATION. With the Constitution of the Board. Cleveland: Harris, Fairbanks & Co., Publishers.

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. Printed as above.

EIGHTH AND NINTH ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY. Held in Lowell, Massachusetts, June 4th and 5th, 1851; and Montreal, Pennsylvania, June 23d, 24th, and 25th, 1852. Utica, N. Y.: Roberts, Printer.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS. Transmitted to the Legislature, Feb. 10, 1853. Albany: C. Van Benthuysen, Printer.

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Friday, the 1st instant, was a day of calamities in New York. One of the boiler fires of the steamer *New World* exploded, killing four or five persons, and maiming others; a man named John Cushing was burned to death at a fire; a child of John Oberbuer fell into a pot of coffee, and was so severely scalded as to result in its death; and in the afternoon a hail-storm visited the city, unroofing houses and destroying much property. Several houses were blown down. This storm did great damage in Pennsylvania.

The Union has read the *New York Evening Post* and the *Buffalo Republic* out of the party. It admits that its recent article relative to freeing the slaves in Cuba was written not by authority, so that the Administration is not responsible for its "purely American policy." We see it stated that Major Nicholson now occupies the editorial chair of the *Union*.

No Use for Them.—The *Chicago Democrat* says that Eastern papers are circulating the following story:

"A gentleman went to a physician, complaining of a severe headache. The M. D. told him 'would have to take out his brains in order to relieve his head. After he had taken them out, our hero saw a friend passing by, and, leaving his brains on the table, followed him. A short time after, the physician was called and inquired why he did not come after his brains. 'Oh! my own friend, I do not need them now, for I've been elected to the Illinois Legislature!'"

It was the Illinois Legislature, we believe, which passed the infamous black law last winter, making Illinois a slave State. The folly of this enactment probably originated the above fable.

Maine.—The Democratic State Convention of Maine met at Bangor on the 20th ult., and proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Govern-

ment, with the following result: Albert Pillsbury received 399 out of 615 votes, on the third ballot, and was declared duly nominated.

The Metropolitan Railroad.—The following is the amount of subscriptions to the stock of this road: In Georgetown, 7,057 shares; Washington City, 2,200; Montgomery county, (Md.), 388; Federal county, 140; Washington co., 224; Total, 10,009 shares.

The President has approved of Capt. Meigs's plan for an aqueduct to supply Washington and Georgetown with water. The work will be prosecuted with vigor, and the aqu