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ANOTHER "INDEPENDENT."

We received last night an announcement which will be found on our fourth page that Col. A. S. Colyar will be a candidate for Governor "independent of party nominations." As Col. Colyar is one of the fathers of the school of "independents" which is now so successfully flourishing in various portions of Tennessee, we know of no one who has a better right to run for Governor on that ticket. This is the era of "independents." Let them come. More anon.

THE Grant party have a Convention here next week. How many "independents" will there be of that party? Not one.

THE New York *Tribune* is informed that Richard Edgeworth, who lost an arm at Malvern Hill, and who has since been supporting a large family by faithful service as a Messenger in the Customhouse, has been dismissed from his place for no other reason than that of intending to vote for Mr. Greeley in November.

HENRY A. WISE, who was first claimed for Grant and then for the "Blantonduncan movement," comes out against the Louisville Convention as follows:

"I agree with you in respect to the proposed Louisville Convention. I can have no hope of course of the election of a Democrat, and the only construction as to its motive will be that it is or was intended to divide the opposition to Grant."

IT is ciphered out by *The Philadelphia Age* that it costs the Government $200 per diem to furnish clerks to do the writing for the Campaign Central Committee and to compose ready-made editorials for the country press. The fact, simply stated, is that the country is paying the expenses of the Grant and Wilson campaign everywhere.

THERE has been trouble in regard to the supervisory place-hunters. A Washington dispatch says Grant has settled the squabble by retaining Cobb in the Missouri district and assigning McDonald to that of Kentucky and Tennessee. Emery, the present occupant, is to resign, and will be provided for by an appointment as Deputy Commissioner in the Internal Revenue Bureau.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Gov. Brown will address the citizens of Marshall county at Lewisburg on Monday, the 2d of September.

SAD FOR STANLEY AFRICANUS.

Cincinnati Commercial New York Telegram, Aug. 27.

The *Herald* this morning having presented a fac simile of one of Livingstone's letters to Mr. Bennett, the *Sun* to-morrow prints fac similes of two letters from Stanley to Mr. H. Noe, of Sageville, Long Island, who, in 1866, was Stanley's companion in Asia Minor. The *Sun* says: "These letters are taken from a number of which Mr. Noe has put into our possession, all in Stanley's handwriting, and all exhibiting a most startling resemblance to the letter of the *Herald*. This resemblance seems to us to afford a very strong argument against the authenticity of all the Stanley-Livingstone letters, and, indeed, against Stanley's whole account of his journey in Africa. In fact, it is difficult to see how his pretension that he has found Livingstone, and has received from his pen and brought back to Europe the great mass of communications signed with his name, which have been printed on both sides of the Atlantic, can be sustained under the light cast on it. No one, we think, can compare the Livingstone letter of the *Herald* with the Stanley letters to Noe without being impressed with the opinion that every word and every line of all these are the work of the same hand, and that this hand is Stanley's. Such being the case, the whole frame-work of deception falls at once to the ground. If this conclusion shall be confirmed by subsequent proofs, there will be no dispute that Stanley is the author of the most gigantic hoax ever attempted upon the credulity of mankind."

DOGMATISM of any kind is intolerable. Yet the men who come to you and announce their opinions as indisputable axioms are many, and no greater bores exist on earth than they. Logic can break its lances upon their complacency; they will not give an inch. If they only knew what fools they make of themselves, perpaps they would be modest.

WE recently read somewhere a suggestion for obtaining sleep under any circumstances, which sleepless persons might try, at least. The body is to be placed in a state of entire repose, the would-be sleeper resting nearly upon his back, and the head moderately elevated by a pillow. The operation must begin by gently inhaling all the air he can into his lungs, and, when full, slowly breathe through nose and mouth and imagine that he actually sees a stream of vapor issuing from these members. Before the air is thus blown out of the lungs he will be in a sound sleep; and it will take an anvil chorus to awaken him. So says the writer of the prescription. We have tried it and found that we had not enough imagination to see the mysterious stream.

THERE is a great deal said about the increase of insanity in England and in this country, and figures are piled up mountain high to prove that the whole race is tending to mental aberation. We do not believe that the intense living of modern times has much to do with it. We burn ourselves away quicker than the ancients by our ceaseless activities, but the apparent increase in insanity is simply due to the fact that we have more institutions for that class than of old, and they make themselves known to a larger extent than formerly. So, with the rapid transmission of news from remote sections, an aggregarte of crime is heaped up which used to be entirely unknown; hence the apparent increase. Let us take a cheerful view of the matter.

CASPAR LAVATER in his celebrated work on physiognomy, published about a century ago, describes thus the features which denote a manly character.

"A forehead almost without wrinkles, not perpendicular, and not far retreating, not very flat, and not rotund, but rather shaped like the convex side of a dish, eyebrows thick, neatly bordering the brow, and shading eyes a little more than half opened, but not fully opened, a moderate depression between the forehead, and a well arched, broad backed nose; lips distinctly curved, not open, and not tightly shut, neither very small nor large, but well proportioned; a chin neither very prominent nor far retreating; these are the signs, which, when found on one face, most certainly denote a ripe understanding, and a manly character."

The Penn Yan (N. Y.) *Chronicle* says the Hon. Lewis Peck, of Phelps, Ontario county, formerly United States Assessor, has taken position for Greeley and Brown.

WASHINGTON.

Looking for the "Lost Child."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Senator Cameron, with a delegation of Pennsylvanians, called at the Executive Mansion to-day expecting to see the President, who left last night for Long Branch.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—President Grant arrived early this morning and went to Long Branch.

No Relent in the Policy of Hate.

A Washington dispatch says letters received represent that two of the four Ku-Klux confined at Albany, selected for pardon, were most ferocious in their treatment of negroes during the war and headed the Ku-Klux organization in their districts. The Attorney General believes it not wise to pardon them.

Rescued from Slavery.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—It is stated in a private letter received from Fort Sill, Indian Territory, by the clerk of the Board of Indian Commissioners, that Kiowa chiefs brought into the agency at that point two white girls, aged respectively 17 and 14 years, and transferred them to the United States authorities.

POLITICAL.

The Hero of the Hour.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Chas. O'Conor was visited by fully a dozen reporters yesterday. He refuses to talk with any of them, merely observing that he had decided not to make known in advance his political purposes. The *Sun*, however, is settled that he wont take the fusion nomination for Governor.

Gov. Curtin's Condition.

Gov. Curtin, still in a precarious condition, was removed here from Brooklyn today to secure medical treatment.

ALBANY, Aug. 30.—Judge Tremain arrived at home last evening, was serenaded and made a speech accepting the Republican nomination for Congress man at large.

Card from Senator Doolittle

MILWAUKE, Aug. 30.—The daily *News* of this city to morrow will publish a letter from Ex-Senator Doolittle in reply to Reverdy Johnson's, exposing and confuting all the material allegations of the Connolly affidavit, in which Mr. Doolittle is charged with exacting money for his influence while Senator of the United States in 1864. Senator Doolittle pronounces every portion of the statement relating to the exercise of his personal or official influence in obtaining a permit for Connolly to trade in cotton unqualifiedly false.

Carl Schurz.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 30—Senator Schurz left last night on a two week's stumping tour in Indiana.

Missouri.

The Democrats and Liberals of the tenth district, in joint session at Trenton, Mo., nominated C. H. Mansur for Congress. The Democrats of the seventh district nominated Col. T. T. Crittenden for Congress. The Democrats of the fifth district nominated R. P. Bland for Congress.

Primary Elections—Delegates to Syracuse Convention.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The Liberal Republicans held primary elections to-night and chose a full delegation from this city to the Syracuse Convention. Among the delegates elected are John A Foster, Whitelaw Reid, Gen. John Cochrane, Waldo Hutchins, Gen. Henry A. Barnum, Orlando L Stewart, Samuel Sinclair, Geo. P. Bradford, Charles K. Graham, Horatio N. Twombly, Freeman J. Fithian, Wm. H. Raynor, Gen. Geo. W. Palmer, E. J. Squier, Christopher Pullman, J. Nevins Hageman, Gen. V. Vanbrunt, Benj. Merritt and Daniel D. Conover.

The Democracy also elected delegates to their convention at Syracuse, among whom are Oliver Charlick, John Kelly, Matthew T. Breman, Harry W. Genuet, Jas. D. McClelland, John Fox, Jos. Hays, Timothy J. Campbell, Judge C. J. Shandley and John Morrissey.

CINCINNATI.

Accident on the Louisville Short Line.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 30.—Two and a half miles southeast of Verna, at half past twelve o'clock this morning, on the Louisville Short Line Railroad, the passenger train that left this city at eleven o'clock last night was thrown from the track, it is supposed by the removal of a rail. The locomotive and tender with three cars, were thrown from the track down an embankment and turning over several times. Fireman Ben Hill was instantly killed. Dallas Pullan, engineer, miraculously escaped and Express Messenger Taylor was slightly hurt. No passenger was injured. Thomas Clare the baggage master was badly hurt. No trains running yet. Dispatches to the agent here say the rail was misplaced maliciously, and that an attempt was made Tuesday night to throw a train from the track at the same place.

A Leap from the Third Story.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 30.—At a quarter of an hour before midnight an alarm of fire called the engines to the burning brick building of Jacob Haffner, on the public landing. The damage to the building is about $2,000. It was occupied by Duckwell & Co. as a fruit canning establishment. The loss in stock is about $4,000. Insurance not ascertained

Richard Massey and his son William Massey, who is a lad about 14 years old, and William Matthews jumped from the third story window to the the pavement to escape the flames. The boy Willie Massey, was mortally injured, having a leg and arm broken. William Matthews suffered a broken arm, leg and jaw, but is not thought to be fatally injured. Richard Massey escaped unhurt. The building was only partially destroyed. The City Council today passed resolutions inviting President Grant and Horace Greeley to visit the Exposition.

NEW YORK.

The Times' Picnic for Poor Children

NEW YORK, Aug 30.—The sixteenth excursion of the *Times* for poor children took place to-day to Boynton, N. J. Over 1,400 children were taken from this city. An address was delivered by the Hon. John Hill, M. C., and response led to by George F. Williams, manager of the *Times'* picnic fund.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Jacob's Majority—Eight Counties to Hear From.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., Aug. 30.—Jacob's majority has thus far been reduced to 263; there are eight counties yet to hear from.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Gen. Kilpatrick having abandoned the Radicals, they trump up a charge of cowardice against him.

The entire masonry of the bridge to cross the Mississippi at St. Louis, will be completed by Oct. 1.

Charles Schaeffer suicided in New York yesterday, in despondency over his losses by the great Chicago fire.

A coal pit at Hyde Park, Pa., was burned Thursday night. No lives lost.

A boiler exploded in a flouring mill at Sedalia, Mo., yesterday, demolishing the building, killing the engineer and wounding several workmen.

St. Louis was refreshed with a heavy shower yesterday, and thermometer down to 75.

FOREIGN—Recent failures have induced a general feeling of financial insecurity in London.

The foot and mouth disease is spreading among English cattle.

A small meeting of the Louisiana Straightouts which was held in New Orleans yesterday evening elected delegates to the Louisville Convention. No one of prominence participated.

The paper mill of C. H. Hardee & Co., of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was burned yesterday morning. Loss $30,000. Insurance $15,000.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

An Appalling Collision at Sea.

Seventy Souls Sacrificed.

A Sad Story of the Deep.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—There was a furious rain storm all night in this section, overflowing the low lands and doing much damage on Long Island and elsewhere.

WATCH HILL, R. I., via Stonington, Ct., Aug. 30.—The propeller Metis, Capt. Burden, was wrecked six miles off this shore this morning. A dreadful storm prevailed during the latter part of the night. About 4 o'clock the propeller was struck by a schooner, knocking out her bottom. She immediately filled. The passengers were aroused and warned to secure their life preservers. In a short time the lower part of the vessel, engines, etc., went down about five miles from shore. A large number of the passengers and crew climbed on the upper deck, which parted from the hull and floated. The waves rolled high and the rain continued, but the upper works floated and struck the shore just below the Ocean House about 8 o'clock this morning.

The Metis had on board a hundred and four passengers, and forty-five deck hands, waiters, etc. Capt Burton and Geo. B. Hull, agent of the line, are among the saved. At this hour, 11 A. M., it is thought about half the passengers were lost. The greatest excitement prevails here among the guests of the hotels and they are doing all to aid sufferers.

Second Dispatch.

WATCH HILL, R. I., Aug. 30, 1 P. M.—The cutter Moccasin left here at 10 o'clock for the disaster, as did the yacht Josie with a large crew. One of the life boats of the Metis has just landed here with six deck hands. A lady with three children, of Providence were lost. Names unknown. The Captain and agent of the line refused to go into the life boats and were washed ashore on the remnants of the pilot house.

The Hulk Drifts Ashore.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—A private dispatch from Providence states that the steamer Metis after the collision drifted ashore at Watch Hill with only her upper deck above water. Another dispatch says seventy out of one hundred and fifty passengers were saved. The reports of the disaster created considerable excitement in this city. The Metis was 3,519 tons, belonged to the Providence and New York Steamship Company and was commanded by Charles L. Burden.

Loss on Vessel $225,000.

The Metis was lately altered from a freight to a passenger boat and cost $175,000. Her cargo was principally fruit and valued at $50,000. Most of the passengers obtained tickets on board and no list of names is available.

Account of a Passenger.

A private dispatch says that John Mc Auslin, of this city, who was on the steamer Metis says that when she struck the schooner the crash was slight, but the steamer sank immediately. He was in the water ten minutes when he succeeded in swimming to the cabin of the boat and was floated ashore. Forty or fifty passengers on board were saved. He thinks about one hundred lives were lost, but more may have been saved than yet reported.

A Providence Dispatch.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Aug 30.—A passenger who was saved reports that fifty persons were lost with the Metis.

The Captain's Statement.

STONINGTON, Conn. Aug. 30.—The following is a statement of Capt. Chas. L. Burton of the steamer Metis, as given to J. Wesley Smith of the Albany *Argus:*

We left New York at 5:15 p. m. on the 29th of August. The weather was overcast and rainy, with a fresh breeze from the Southeast. At 3:40 a. m., when between the two light houses at Mantan Point and Watch Hill, about five miles off the Rhode Island shore, the propeller was run into by an unknown schooner striking us 40 abaft of the steam bar, near abreast of the pilot house. The Propeller was immediately stopped and turned round and we endeavored to find the vessel but failed to do so. I sent the mates and pilot below to ascertain if the propeller was making any water. They reported to me that she was not, and we considered the damage very slight. We then proceeded on our way to Providence. After remaining a few moments the engineer reported that the steamer was rapidly filling. I immediately headed her for the nearest shore and used every exertion in my power to save the passengers and crew. At this time the wind was blowing a strong gale from the south-east, accompanied by a heavy rain. It soon became evident that the steamer must go down. It was not longer than half an hour from the time she was headed for shore until she sunk. The life boats were lowered and filled at once with persons anxious to be saved. One of the boats swamped, but was soon righted by the chief engineer who was on her. He sculled her up to the wreck and she was again boarded with success. About 50 persons were left on the upper deck which drifted with the gale. The storm still continued, and although several vessels came in sight none recognized us. We continued in this perilous condition until about 8 o'clock A. M., when we drifted on the beach, about half a mile from the Watch Hill lighthouse. The surf was very high and our danger was increased. By this time quite a large number of people from the Watch Hill Hotel were on the beach proffering aid, but all was of no use to us. The roar of the surf prevented any communication, and it was evident to us that the deck on which we floated must go to pieces. In a few moments the breaking up commenced, and we were all thrown into the surf. By the kindness of those on shore nearly all were saved from the pilot-house and upper works. I am unable to say at present how many of the crew and passengers were lost wish the hulk.

Later.

WATCH HILL, R. I., Aug. 30.—The Purser, John H. Latham was picked up by the United States revenue steamer Moccasin, as were also eight others floating on a matress.

Eighteen dead bodies have just been brought in by a steamer. As there were several small children and infants on board, the Purser estimates the full number of passengers at 110, with crew, waiters, etc, making in all 155 souls. A list is given of 47 known to be saved, including a mother who lost two children. It seems to be almost

A Terrible Certainty

that seventy lives have been lost by this awful wreck. Many went down with the lower part of the steamer whose names can never be known. One man who was married at Sharon Springs, New York, the night before last and was on his way to Providence on the wedding trip, sends word to the clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that city to make arrangements for the funeral services of his wife in his church next Sunday. Her body was sent forward by the train this evening. A gloom has been cast over this entire section by the disaster. All the hotels at Watch Hill have from eight to twenty of the rescued now in their parlors and sleeping rooms.

There was no marine insurance on the vessel.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 30—The schooner A. H. Belden brought into Newport this P. M. the bodies of a man and woman, picked up between Watch Hill and Point Judith, who were evidently passengers by the Metis. The bodies were buoyed up by life preservers. The man is believed to be Emil Sampe, a fresco artist, of Newark, N. J. The woman is about thirty years of age, in her night dress and wore a seal ring marked N. A. The bodies are in charge of an undertaker.

Another Mystery of the Sea.

A special to the *Mail* from Marblehead says the following note was picked up on the beach at that place this morning:

"Sinking and all on board likely to be lost. Longitude 7.20; latitude 42.42. Yacht Dauntless, Aug. 29."

James H Curry, for twelve years Chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Yorkland, Westchester county, New York, has written a letter resigning that position and declaring for Greeley.

FOREIGN.

THE CONTINENTAL TRIUMVIRATE.

Napoleonic Ideas.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The *Telegraph* has the following: Being now permitted to write on the approaching interview between the three Emperors, the Russian press generally avows hopeful and peaceful auguries from the event. The *Golos* however hints that the Slavonian and Eastern questions will be brought on the tapis; that Russia though not greedy of conquest must see the Christian subjects of the Porte protected from proscription and oppression; and that open declarations to this effect may be made. Papal encroachments in Germany and the Internationals will also afford points for discussion and combination.

The same paper says the Emperor Napoleon has frankly indicated his views with regard to the forthcoming interview of the three Emperors at Berlin, the present condition and prospects of France, and other topics of the day. Referring to the imperial assemblage, His Majesty did not consider that it involves any immediate threat or danger to the peace of Europe, but he did not conceal his belief that more than a compliment was intended by the unwonted meeting, and that when each power had served its own immediate purpose by the help of its neighbors, the partnership would be dissolved. Napoleon III. leant somewhat severely on the protectionist views of M. Thiers, and on his lavish expenditure on the army, which he contrasted keenly with his peaceful views while in opposition under the empire, and pretty plainly hinted that despite the President's words of peace his mind was bent on war.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—The Emperor of Russia will arrive in this city next Thursday evening. He will be preceded by Prince Gortschakoff, who will leave Frankfort for Berlin on Tuesday. The Czar will be the guest of the Emperor William for five days, during which time magnificent fetes will take place and a grand entertainment will be given at the new palace at Potsdam on the 9th of September The Emperors of Germany, Russia and Austria, and several German potentates and princes, will be present. The Czar will leave Berlin probably on the 10th of September.

THE CHOLERA

In Western Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 30.—The cholera has appeared at Guanec, in the western part of Russia.

UNYAMYEMBE.

Dr. Livingstone Found Again.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Mr. Dawson, the geographer and traveler, who has returned from Zanzibar, reports having been in communication with Livingstone.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Those Arizona Diamonds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—The managers of the San Francisco and New York Diamond Company deny ever purchasing and diamonds in London, and say they will soon show that their discoveries are genuine.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Other diamond merchants here have sent a letter to the public journals, stating that Americans have called upon them and purchased diamonds in the rough, and that these purchasers represented themselves as Pacific Railway contractors.

THE TURF.

Chicago Races.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The second day's races at the Dexter Park, summer meeting, took place to day. There was an increased attendance; fine weather and capital sport.

The two forty five race for a purse of $1,000, in which Whitcomb was the favorite, resulted as follows:

Hope	1	1	1
Vaughn	2	2	2
Whitcomb	3	3	3
Charley	4	4	4
Virginia	dist.		

Lady Lawrence and Nellie Ward were drawn.

Time—2:35; 2:33½; 2:34¾.

The two thirty-five race, purse $1,500, in which Kate Hazard was the favorite, resulted as follows:

Hattie	1	1	1
Ed. Seeley	2	2	2
Kate Hazard	3	4	4
Robby Golddust	4	3	5
Kate	5	5	3
Eilen Davis	dis.		

Kimball and Greenwich Mare were drawn

Time—2:34; 2:34½; 2:32¼.

The running race, seven-eighths of a mile dash, seven horses started. Regent was the strong favorite in the pools. The following is the result:

King's Excuse	1
Regent	2
Venus	3

Belle Alsen, Fanny Brown, Wanda and Protection, not placed. Easter drawn.

Time—1:37¼.

The three winners of to-day's races are all owned in Chicago. A bad day for favorites, all of whom were beaten.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Fatal Connubial Feud.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 30.—A shocking tragedy occurred this A. M. near Grave City, a village in this county. About nine years ago Michael Monix, a farmer, married a malden woman nearly 40 years old, who owned a farm, stock and implements. During the last three years Monix was dissipated, and on account of his extreme cruelty and the squandering of her property, Mrs. Monix recently petitioned for a divorce and her husband agreed to leave her in quiet possession of her property. Subsequently Monix went to his wife's house and threatened to shoot her if she would not live with him. He was arrested on a peace warrant but gave bail and was liberated. Yesterday he proceeded to the house of F. M. Story, where his wife had taken refuge and shot her three times with a revolver, and then placing the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth shot himself and died immediately. Mrs. Monix is so terribly wounded that she cannot recover.

To Increase the Price of Oil.

PITTSBURG, PA, Aug. 30.—The producers in the oil regions are about entering upon a plan to stop all new developments for a period of six months from the 1st of September next, in order to increase the demand for oil and thereby enhance the value. Meetings have been held in Parker's Landing, and yesterday a meeting of the producers was held at St. Petersburg to further the object, and in all probability nearly every producer will sign the pledge. The result of this will be five dollars per barrel for oil before the year closes.

EVERY improvement in signal lights is hailed with satisfaction by those who have to use them. A new light has recently been introduced into the Russian naval service, which, for economy and indestructibility, must be very superior to any thing now in use.

This apparatus consists of a sheet metal cylinder, having a conical top and a tube of about six inches in length projecting from its bottom. It is filled with phosphate of calcium, which is prepared in the following manner: Pieces of chalk are put into a crucible, together with a quantity of phosphorus, and then brought to a white heat. The chalk, being intensely hot, absorbs the vapors of phosphorus, and thereby becomes phosphate of chalk. The apparatus, thus filled with this substance, is hermetically closed, and preserves it for an indefinite period.

When to be used the top of the cone is cut off, and a hole bored thr ugh the end of the pendant tube. A float is connected with the cylinder, and then launched. The water entering the tube, causes the phosphate of calcium to decompose and to generate a quantity of gas, which, escaping at the top, is ignited by contact with the air, and remains so until the contents are entirely consumed.

SLIPS OF THE TYPES.

A Few of the Whimsical Typographical Blunders of the Generation.

The Value of a Letter—Uncomfortable Effects of Transposition.

What Induced the Rev. Dr. Mudge to Get Mad.

Of the absurdities of typographical blunders, and the awkward mistakes that have grown out of them there will probably be no end. The ears of the sharpest reporters, says a recent writer in *Chamber's Journal*, at times play them false; the pens of ready writers do not as a rule shape letters in the way Lord Palmerston loved; type, like other matter, will get in the wrong place, and consequent errors escape the most lynx eyed of proof readers.

THE VALUE OF A LETTER.

The omission of a single letter in some one word is often sufficient to turn the entire meaning of a sentence upside down. Houdin himself could hardly have managed to steal "a small ox" out of a lady's reticule, and hide it in his walstcoat pocket; and the greatest of gormandizer's was never credited with having "eaten a caoman;" yet, according to newspaper reports, men have been found guilty of both offences. A like initial mishap led to the world being informed that the Russians had defeated certain Polish insurgents "with great laughter;" and by cutting off of a final letter, a great party-leader was made to defy his opponents with the extraordinary announcement, "You can fight against the future; *Tim* is on our side!" An American journal once gave a grave account of a river mis adventure, wherein a steamer nearly came to grief through running against a rat—explaining in its next issue that it should have said "raft;" and a Southern editor had to apologize for calling Moses the fourth coffee pot, instead of the fourth coffee-port, in the States. Only the other day, we saw an essay on "The Long Reigns of English Sovereigns" alluded to as "a disquisition upon the long reins of English sovereigns:" an absurd blunder, indeed, but not quite so bad as that in a bookseller's catalogue, which made "the *immoral* works of the poet Milton" figure among his stock in trade; or the exactly similar misprint in the poet's corner of an Oxford newspaper, making some elegiac verses end:

"Death is past, and all its sorrows
Swallowed up in victory;
Endless joys in bliss await them,
Life and *immorality!*

Some admirer of the famous actress, Mrs. Oldfield, wrote a funeral oration in her praise, which, thanks to the printer, opened thus: "Let oratory be silent, rhetoric be dumb; let the pomp and pageantry of sorrow, the silent procession, the sable hearse, and mourning *Reads*, pass unregarded by!" To deprive the word "windows" of its n seems to be a favorite trick with compositors. An auctioneer lately announced his intention of knocking down "a surplus stock of bay-widows, complete, glazed with best British plate;" and worse still, an Irish paper, reporting the burning down of a school-house, told how a brave fellow ran to the place, gained access to the school-room, "at once kicked out three of the widows, and then proceeded to throw out the children to the people assembled there, and by this means succeeded in saving several."

UNCOMFORTABLE SUBSTITUTIONS.

Sometimes, equally awkward results accrue from the substitution of one letter for another. A theatrical critic, desiring to note the fact that a fair representative of Shakspeare's "Ariel" "did not sing," was made answerable for the uncomplimentary assertion that the lady "did nothing." A popular periodical added to our stock of historical knowledge by informing us that Henry IV. of England derived his "red nose" from his grandfather—of course intending to say he inherited from his grandfather the cognizance of the red rose; a blunder reminding one of Fanny Fudge's complaint of the stupid printer transforming "freshly blown roses" into "fleshly brown noses," and doubtless the writer of the heraldic essay re-echoed the fair Fanny's anathema. Equally annoying must it have been to the clergyman who wrote of "the force of a scripture parable," to find himself made responsible for such an undeserved expression as "the *farce* of a scripture parable." The printer of a statement circulated by an accident assurance company, setting forth the compensation received by insurers unfortunate or fortunate enough to have occasion to test the value of their investments, seems to have set his mind upon producing the oddest misprints. According to the official document, one individual obtained two hundred pounds because his "wig upset in turning a corner;" another got three hundred pounds for being thrown from his "chairs" when his "house took fright;" and a third lost his life, thereby costing the company a thousand pounds, by being "blown from his gig."

PRINTERS' BLUNDERS.

Printers' blunders are sometimes suspiciously germane to the subject, and lead the intelligent reader to cogitate over the fact whether the "error" had not at least some elements of design about it, after all. One can hardly believe that it was by pure accident that one newspaper startled its readers with the news that a train had run over a cow and cut it in "calves;" that another concluded its announcement of a theatrical performance for the benefit of the Goldsmith's and Jeweler's institute, with the notification: "Tickers only benefit!" or that a third made its art critic describe one of Lance's fruit pieces as a "*sauce* that makes the mouth water."

A curious corruption of the text of "Pilgrim's Progress" originated in the accidental or intentional change of an *e* into an *a*. Bunyan makes Christian say of Faintheart, Mistrust, and Guilt, that, although many called them cowards, they had made David groan, moan, and roar, had sorely brushed the coats of Heman and Hezekiah, and handled Peter so as to make him afraid of a sorry girl. Either a blundering printer, or an editor who knew not the name of Heman, one of the four wise sons of Mahol, than whom Solomon alone was wiser, changed Heman to Haman. A later editor of Bunyan's great work, satisfied that the immortal tinker never associated the baffled Agagite with David, Hezekiah, and Peter as champions of the true faith, substituted Mordecai, as more worthy of the honor, and Mordecai, has ever since been exalted at the expense of the true man.

POETICAL MIXTURES.

Poetry is as easily marred by the insertion of an unnecessary letter as by the omission of a necessary one. Take these lines, for instance, as they were quoted in a review:

And shall I blame you, sweet, because you choose
A softer path of life than mine could be?
I keep our secret here, and no man knows
What passed five years ago 'twixt you and me—
Two lovers begotten at the self-same time,
When that gold summertide was in its prime;
One love lives yet, and one died with the rose."

Of course we infer that the lady and gentleman were born at the self-same hour, in the midsummer season; but the poet really never hinted anything of the sort, for he wrote:

"Two *lovers* begotten at the self-same time
When that gold summertide was in its prime."

As Portia's love-anxious eyes follow the steps of her heart's lord as he moves toward the fateful caskets, she compares Bassanio to

"Young Alcides, when he did redeem
The virgin-tribute paid by howling Troy:"

by merely transposing a couple of letters, the above lines are modernized with a vengeance into

"Young Alcides, when he did redeem
The virgin-tribute paid by howling Tory."

An author's meaning may be perverted even without omission, adding, or altering a single letter, or meddling with his punctuation. In Nichol's "Progresses of Queen Elizabeth," he gives an account of the presentation of a bible, to the queen, by citizens of London, and then remarks: "Which passage *shows a swell* how the city stood affected to religion;" but what he meant to say, if the printer had allowed him, was: "Which passage shows as well how the city stood affected by religion, as what hopes the kingdom might entertain of the queen's favor toward it."

ADVERTISEMENT AMBIGUITIES.

Advertisers occasionally are adepts at ambiguity. A lady advertises her desire to obtain a husband "with a Roman nose having strong religious tendencies." "A spinster particularly fond of children" informs the public that she "wishes for two or three, *having none of her own*." Somebody wants "a young man to look after a horse of the Methodist persuation;" a draper desires to meet with an assistant who would "take an active and energetic interest in a small first-class trade, and in a quiet family;" and a Boston chemist advertises "the gentleman who left his stomach for analysis will please call and get it, together with the result." Slipshod English is not, however, confined to the advertisement columns, or we should not be able to read of the shooting of a wildcat "by a little boy five feet eight inches long;" of a procession, which "was very fine, and near two miles in length, as was also the prayer of Mr. Perry, the chaplain;" nor should we be much scandalized to note the fact, that "Miss Corry, in the presence of a large number of admiralty officials, named the ship yesterday, and she was quietly warped out to her moorings in the river by ropes." An American paper, dilating upon the success attained by a "self-made man," said he "arrived in California 20 years ago with only *one* shirt to his back; and since then has contrived, by close application to business, to accumulate *over ten millions*." President Taylor's celebrated bull: "We are at peace with all the world, and continue to cherish relations of amity with the rest of mankind," is pretty fairly matched by one perpetrated by an English theatrical paper, which, after announcing a forthcoming benefit performance, went on. "Of course *every one will be there*, and for the edification *of those who are absent*, a full report will be found in our next paper."

RATHER ROUGH ON AN OPERATIC SINGER.

In our grandfathers' days, the hunting out of comical cross readings was a favorite diversion of small witlings; such things are only produced now by sheer accident, when in "making up" for the press, a portion of a column of type gets mysteriously imported into a place where it has no manner of business, thereby causing things to become considerably mixed. By the intrusion of the termination of a criminal trial into an operatic criticism, a panegyrical account of a new singer finished up with, "he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude, so that society will for some time be freed from the infliction of his presence." By part of a report of a public meeting straying into one about the accidents on a foggy night, it was made to appear that a "Mr. Hodson moved the Brandy Quay into the water."

An English weekly lately succeeded in serving up the following: "Yesterday, a coal-porter named John Sharp was received into the chest on Friday evening. It appears that he had gone to the Royal Free Hospital, having received severe bruises about the Metropolitan Market, to purchase a horse, and seeing one to please him, he bought it; he took it home, and when in the act of examining it, the animal struck out and kicked him." A country paper contrived to beat the above by deceitously combining a paragraph concerning an unlucky dog with another concerning a popular preacher. "The Rev. J. Thompson preached to a large congregation last Sunday. This was his last sermon previous to his departure for London. He exhorted his brethren and sisters; and, after offering a devout prayer, took a whim to cut some frantic freaks. He ran up the High street, and down Queen street to the college. At this stage of the proceedings, some boys seized him, tied a tea-kettle to his tail, and let him go. A great crowd gathered, and for a few minutes there was a lively scene."

WHAT MADE REV DR. MUDGE MAD.

This was rather hard, though it did not begin to be anything when compared with what made Rev. Dr. Mudge mad: The doctor had been presented with a gold-headed cane, and the same week a patent pig killing and sausage-making machine had been tried at a factory in the place of which he was pastor. The writer of a report of the presentation and a description of the machine for the local newspaper, thus reports the accident that ensued: "The inconsiderate Caxtonian who made up the forms of the paper got the two locals mixed up in a frightful manner; and when we went to press, something like this was the appalling result: Several of the Rev. Dr. Mudge's friends called upon him yesterday, and after a brief conversation, the unsuspicious pig was seized by the hind legs, and slid along a beam until he reached the hot water tank. His friends explained the object of their visit, and presented him with a very handsome gold-headed butcher, who grabbed him by the tail, swung him round, slit his throat from ear to ear, and in less than a minute the carcass was in the water. Thereupon, he came forward, and said that there were times when the feelings overpowered one; and for that reason he would not attempt to do more than thank those around him for the manner in which such a huge animal was cut into fragments, was simply astonishing. The doctor concluded his remarks, when the machine seized him, and in less time than it takes to write it, the pig was cut into fragments, and worked up into delicious sausages. The occasion will long be remembered by the doctor's friends as one of the most delightful of their lives. The best pieces can be procured for tenpence a pound; and we are sure that those who have sat so long under his ministry will rejoice that he has been treated so handsomely."

Taking all things into consideration, it will probably be generally admitted that Dr Mudge had a perfect right to get mad, and that if that newspaper man had been a candidate for cemetery honors the next morning the verdict ought to have been—justifiable homicide, in the first, and every other degree.

WE would hardly pity Ruskin if he was to visit this country for the sake of architectural observations. All who have read his "Seven Lamps of Architecture" can imagine the grief and pain with which he would view our sad architectural *faux pas*. We use plaster and zinc in a liberal manner, feigning ponderous cornices and massive pendants; coloring things in a most barbarous style, and violating the first principles of architectural decency, especially in churches. Our architecture is fairly indicative of outrageous haste, miserable economy, and, where money is spent liberally, of a distorted and uneducated taste.

Judge George W. Craig, a prominent Republican of Alabama, and a trusted friend of the negroes in the State, has published a letter declaring his allegiance to the Liberal party.

E. B. Judson, of Syracuse, the Grant elector for the Twenty-third District of New York in 1868, repudiates Grant and is one of the Vice President of a Greeley and Brown club in the Fourth Ward of Syracuse.

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