

PERSONAL MENTION.

FACTS, FANCIES, AND INFERENCES. Return of a Beloved Pastor—Justice Blatchford—A Minister's Woe—The Epiphany—'Mother's Meeting'—Arrivals at the Capital.

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graphed at the St. Mary. During his Southern wanderings he visited Havana, having been ordered to do so by the authorities on account of his health. Mr. Manning is known as 'John of Lancaster' among the Northern newspapers. Having resided several years ago in Washington, he will be remembered by the many who were present at the meeting of the United Club held its last regular meeting at the residence of Colonel Fitzgerald, 1310 K street northwest. The Colonel's fine parlors are maintained in the most perfect order, and the known genial qualities as a host make the occasion when the United Club meets at his residence one of the most enjoyable pleasures. Colonel Fitzgerald is a very interesting and entertaining paper, entitled 'The City Within the Golden City.' In the course of his paper, which was dictated with deep interest and evident pleasure by the large audience, the speaker touched upon the history of the city, the building of the city, the rush to the diggings occasioned thereby on the various fires that successively laid San Francisco in ashes and the rapidly with which she rose from the ruins to her former greatness. He also touched upon the various fires that successively laid San Francisco in ashes and the rapidly with which she rose from the ruins to her former greatness. He also touched upon the various fires that successively laid San Francisco in ashes and the rapidly with which she rose from the ruins to her former greatness.

BOSTON BREEZES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. The story of the acquisition of Alcatraz Island in 1847. The memories of the early days of the American occupation of California are being recently revived by the presentation by United States Senator Johnston, of Virginia, of a petition of General John C. Fremont, claiming the ownership of, or a right to, the island of Alcatraz. Almost forty years ago a young soldier, who had not received a military training at the aristocratic college of West Point, and therefore incurred the enmity of those who had, by his daring adventures, won for himself the name of the 'Pathfinder.' He discovered the route to California, penetrated it, and virtually conquered the country for the United States. In those days both England and France were ambitious to become the possessors of this fair domain. Mexico, naturally, was loath to part with it. The United States could not afford to let it pass to a European power. Fremont, by his daring adventures, had won for himself a name which was not to be forgotten. He was a man of high character, and his services to the United States were of the highest importance. He was a man of high character, and his services to the United States were of the highest importance.

EXPLODING AN ALLIGATOR.

The Terrible Adventure that a Denver Man Had in a Swamp. Mr. August F. Schmidt, of this city, who has spent many years of his life upon the Southern coast, tells a remarkable story of one of his adventures while in the State of California. He was in the Southern California, having traveled for many years in the West, and he was in the State of California, having traveled for many years in the West, and he was in the State of California, having traveled for many years in the West.

THE WANT COLUMN.

Food for Reflection—The Best Opportunity for Advertising. The study of the 'want' columns of a live newspaper furnishes food for much reflection and amusement. It takes the advertisement of a young man seeking a position, and the advertisement of a young man seeking a position, and the advertisement of a young man seeking a position.

MR. BEECHER ON LENT.

A Kind of 'Moral Watering-Place' for Man's Recuperation. The platform of Plymouth Church was decorated last Sunday with palms, callas, and other choice flowers. Mr. Beecher selected as his text Matthew, xvii., 21.—'Howbeit this kind goeth not out by prayer and fasting.' In the fashionable world, Mr. Beecher, as it is regarded, I think as a cure for the previous six months' dispersion and a preparation for the succeeding five months of dispersion. It is a kind of moral watering-place, and it is a kind of moral watering-place.

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in the State and city is beginning to bubble. The gubernatorial question begins to assume shape, and the candidates are beginning to be named. The gubernatorial question begins to assume shape, and the candidates are beginning to be named. The gubernatorial question begins to assume shape, and the candidates are beginning to be named.