

A GAINSBOROUGH HAT.

The Duke Lane Gainsborough hat... I thought you were a Gainsborough hat...

SAVED BY STRATAGEM.

Dinner was over at last, and Mr. Currie, English Commissioner... I saw the young whelp right...

them?" asked Mrs. Currie, who, awakened by the shouting, had risen and joined the group... "I will slip out of the house and make a dash into the enemy's lines as if I were deserting from you to them; and you can tell your people to fire a shot or two after me with blank cartridge as I go."

Maple-Sugar Weather.

This mild, spring-like weather we have been enjoying is called in Northern New England "good sugar weather," and that it has proved so in some regions already is proven by the appearance of maple sugar in the market.

Some Speculations on the Possible Age of Man. We have been so long accustomed to look upon man as a creature of yesterday that it almost takes our breath away even to be told that he probably preceded the glacial epoch some five hundred thousand years ago.

A Peep into Royal Treasuries.

The Harem, or Imperial Treasury, of Constantinople, contains a costly collection of ancient armor and coats of mail worn by the Sultan.

then concentrated and heavily reinforced, and by brilliant generalship Mukhtar's army was cut in two. The battle of Alandis was an overwhelming victory for the Russians, and the victorious commander lost no time in following up his success.

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contained full announcements, such as "the visit of the Countess Wonderful," or "the Marquis of Emerald has the honor to wish you a happy anniversary."

A Strange Case.

Nearly two months ago a youth by the name of Huston brought on an affray with a Mr. McClelland, a merchant of New Philadelphia, a small village eight miles northeast of Salem.

The St. Gothard Tunnel. FEBRUARY 29, 1880, will be memorable for something more than its biennial significance, or the fact of its giving a fifth Sunday to February, an event which will not happen again in forty years; it must also be recorded as the day on which the shaft of the largest tunnel in the world was pierced through to the end, and on which the practical success of one of the grandest engineering works of modern times was finally demonstrated.

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