The Horrors of Idiocy.

Of all the long and weary pains of mind to which lish can be subject, we know of none so ter rible as that of the mother attaining the certainty that her child is an idiot. Reviewing the whole case as we have ourselves observed it, it seems to us an affliction made tolerable only by its gradual growth, and the length of years over which it is spread .-How sweet was the prospect of the little one coming -not only in the sacred anticipations of the parents but when the elder children were told, in quiet, joyful moments of confidence, that there would be a baby in the house by-and-by! And when it came, how amiable and helpful, and happy everybody waskeeping the house quiet for the mother's sake, and wondering at the baby, and not minding any irregularity or little uncomfortableness while the mother was up-stairs. Perhaps there was a wager that baby would "take notice," turn its eyes to a bright watch or spoons, or looking-glass, at the end of ten days or a fortnight, and the wager was lost. Here, perhaps, was the first faint indication. But it would not be thought much of, the child was so very young !-As the weeks pass, however, and still the child takes no notice, a sick misgiving sometimes enters the mother's mind-a dread of, she does not know what, but it does not last long. You may trust a mother for finding out charms and promise of one sort or another in her baby-be what it may. Time goes on; and the singularity is apparent that the baby makes no response to anything. He is not deaf. Very distant street music probably causes a kind of quiver through his whole frame. He sees very well. He cer- ed in the lumber trade. tainly is aware of the flies which are performing minuets and reels between him and the ceiling. As for his other senses, there never was anything like his keenness of smell and taste. He is ravenous for food -even already unpleasantly so-but excessively difficult to please. The terrible thing is his still taking

His mother longs to feel the clasp of his arms around her neck; but her fondlings receive no return. His arm hangs lax over her shoulder. She longs for a look from him, and lays him back on her lap, hoping that they may look into each other's eyes; but he looks at nobody. All his life long nobody will ever at his own hand. He spreads the fiagers, and holds up the hand close before his face, and moves his head laugh, and call it a baby trick; but after a time the laughter is rather forced, and they begin to wish he would not do so. We once saw a child on her mother's lap laughing at the spinning of a half-crown on the table, when, in an instant, the mother put the little creature down-almost threw her down on the carpet, with an expression of anguish in her face perfectly astonishing. The child had chanced to hold up her hand before her face in her merry fidget; and the mother, who had watched over an idiot brother from her youth up, could not bear that horrible token although in this case it was a mere accident.

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The great improvement in the treatment of idol and lunatics since science began to throw light on the separate organizations of the human faculties is one of the most striking instances in all human experience of the practical blessedness induced by knowledge.

It is for us to act upon the medium view sanctioned alike by science and morals-neither to cast out our idiots, like the savages who leave their helpless ones to perish, nor to worship them, as the pious Egyptians did, and other nations who believed that the gods dwelt in them, more or less, and made oracles of them-a perfectly natural belief in the case of beings who manifest a very few faculties in extraordinary perfection, in the apparent absence of all others. Our business is, in the first place, to reduce the number of idiots to the utmost of our power, by attending to the conditions of sound life and health, and especblood-relations; and, in the next place, by trying to make the most and the best of such faculties as these imperfect beings possess. It is not enough to repeat the celebrated epitaph on an idiot, and to hope that his privations here will be made up to him hereafter. We must lesson those privations to the utmost, by the careful application of science in understanding his case, and of skill, and inexhaustible patience and love, in treating it. Happily, there are now institutions, by aiding which any of us may do something towards raising the lowest, and blessing the most af- slaves. flicted members of our race.

The Caloric Ship Ericsson.

It will be seen by the subjoined leiter from Captain Ericsson that his confidence in the practical utility of his application of caloric as a motive power for steam ships has been strengthened by further experiment. The perseverence and energy which he has displayed under the most untoward circumstances, commands

To the Editors of the Commercial Advertiser. SIRS:-The serious accident to the Caloric Ship last Thursday, has deprived me of the anticipated pleasure of inviting you to witness the performance of the new machinery of this ship. Previous to the untoward occurrence, Mr. Kitching had cheerfully acceeded to my proposition of making a formal trial trip, this week, to afford the New York press an opportunity of witnessing the practical operation of the new machinery, and of hearing my explanation of the important changes that have been made in regard to that motive power, which a year ago was heralded in a manner altogether unprecedented in the history of mechanical progress.

As soon as the ship and machinery are again in

serviceable condition I shall not lose a moment in per-forming the agreeable task of rendering the proposed t of the invention. In the mean time, I have to state that, when the noble ship went down, the motive power had proved completely successful. The had not been put to anything like maximum work, and yet we attained a speed of more than eleven miles an hour, with a consumption of fuel which promises to render ocean navigation, in point of economy, what it has already proved in point o

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant, J. ERICSSON. New York, May 2d, 1824.

A Duel in California,

The Sacramento Union contains a humorous ac count of a Duel which occurred at Rattlesnake Bar. Two individuals had quarreled, and at the friendly instigation of their friends resolved to fight with pistols. The pistols were accordingly procured and loaded with corked bullets, of which interesting fact

but one of the principals was aware: "Silence reigned; the pistols were placed in their quivering hands—the handkerchief fell—a loud explosion ensued and one of the belligerants (the one who was in the secret) turned partly around and fell on his face, while the other stood like a statute, a perfect picture of amazement, at the groans and con-tortions of his antagonist, and no wonder; for his pis tol had missed fire! This let the "at out of the bag," and such a roar of laughter went up as made the hills echo again. On the return of the spectators they are peared as if all of them had been shot in their sides, from the manner in which they were holding on them with their hands. Thus ended the ever-to-be-remembered conflict between the two 'Rattlesnakes.' "

The man who was charged with electricity has been acquitted. He left in the lightning train.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS .- Anonymous com will receive no allention. All articles professing to state facts must be accompanied by the Author's name, not for publication, but as a guarantee of the truth of the statements made. Voluntary Correspondence, containing important news, o statistics of the condition and growth of towns and settlement throughout the Northwest, is solicited.

News Items.

Sunday morning, 9th inst., after services had con nenced in the Catholic Church, at Erie, Pa., the gallery being crowded on account of the Bishon being there, it gave way, and the whole fell on the crowd below. Several persons were taken out badly injured one has since died, and two or three others canno

There has been quite a change in the weather from the mild and balmy, to the stormy and tempestuous, since Moneay's issue. Yesterday it rained incessantly all day, gladdening the hearts of all engag-

A telegraphic report from New York and that the Span-sh Government refuses to make the manded by Mr. Soule

aristocratic Wall street affair-the second was one order of excellence, and, as published in the Times, meet his eyes; and neither in that way or any other | Campbell was classical, Horace Greeley was practi- ture" stamped on him as irremovably as if way will his mind expressly meet that of anytody cal, O'Gorman was oratorical, Ward Beecher was placed there by precept of fore-ordination. else. When he does at length look at anything, it is funny, Counsellor Marsh was poetical, and Chapia We want no such men here, to act as clogs eloquent. President Barnum-if he is a showmanbeat the speech of ex-President Sedgewick, (a lawfrom side to side. At first, the mother and the rest yer, author, and of a literary family besides,) as delivered last summer, three to one.

Samuel Thurston was killed by lightning at West Point, Ky:, last week.

A little son of Wm. Ballue, was accidentally killed near Mill Creek Hundred last week.

A boy named Coye, aged 14, has been drowned Newark.

bed at Newark. Detroit, with a population of thirty-five thousand, fee.

has no night police.

Norfolk for Liberia.

The steamer Massachusetts left Norfolk on Wednesday, on a trial trip.

Since the Ward trial, pistols and bowie knives at Louisville are called "Kentucky statutes."

The first locomotive built in Kentucky was placed Connecticut Election of State Officers, on the railroad landing in Covington, last week. Col. S. M. D. Clark, who served under Con dore Porter, in the frigate Es cx, at Valpariso, died at West Paton Rouge, La., a few days ago.

There was much excitement in New Albany, Indiana, on Sunday evening, in consequence of the arrial of Matt F. Ward in that city. A c about to invite Ward to leave the place.

increase of 12 1.2 per cent on former rates. The number of deaths for the week, ending May

1st, in Pittsburgh was sixteen, eleven males and five

Sidney Bailey was brought on a requisition from Georgia to Charlestown, on a charge of stealing ten

A woman in Brandywine village, Delaware, while laboring under an attack of delirium tremens, a few Fairfield. days since, seized a gun and shot two children of one of her neighbors, injuring them severely. It is hoped town.

The Rhode Island Legislature has granted to Mr. Gourand, a charter to build one or more ocean steamers, on a new plan and gigantic scale. He proposes have them a thousand feet in length, and propelled by engines of five thousand horse power.

The Savannah Republican of the 1st May, gives the particulars of a fatal affray at that place, between Mr. Austin Green, and Mr. Walker, the Town Marshall, which resulted in the death of the former. It appears that Austin was riotous, and the Marshalattempted to arrest him. In the attempt, Green drew his revolver and fired upon Walker three times, when the latter becoming exasperated, drew his own pistol and shot Green, the ball entering his breast. He to the world by the distingushed press of New York, walked some thirty yards and immediately expired .-He leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. Hiram Hutchinson, President of the Bank of Hamburg, South Carolina, has given \$5,000 to the South Carolina College, for the purpose of founding a scholarship to aid in the education of indigen young men of merit.

A Polish physician at Kalafat has made a curiou and important discovery of a species of camera, or optical telegraph, by which a perfect reconnoissance could be effected at an increditable distance. It can be used on horseback.

J M Anderson, a young white man, was convicted of petty larceny, in Mercer co., Ky., a few days ago, the Constitution being confined to the two and sentenced to be whipped publicly on his bare candidates who received the highest number of back. Kentucky ought to remove this relic of barbarism from her statues.

A brute, in the shape of a man, was sent to the work-house, in Louisville, for whipping an infant child a few weeks old. His wife testified, on the trial, that he caused the death of a former child, having actually whipped it only three days before its death.

Olive leaves have been used successfully in the worst cases of fever and ague. They are made into a decoction—say two handfuls boiled in a quart of for the murder of his wife. water till reduced by evaporation to about a pint .-

It appears, from an examination of items in rela-prisoner replied as follows: tion to the crops contained in the papers, from nearly all the agricultural states, that the prospect of an Dr. Kennedy, and he will make it public." abundance is more promising than is usual at this season of the year. The season is backward, but the winter grains appear to have wintered well, as a general thing.

The Application of the President's Veto to the Homestead Bill.

had in the Senate of the United States rela- seriously injuring CHARLES LINDSEY, of that tive to the principles contained in the message place. Mr. L. received a cut across the foreof President PIERCE, vetoing Miss Dix's In- head, nearly scalping him, tho' we believe withsane Land Grant Bill. There is a strong dis- out fracturing his skull. Dr. Brisbine, who atposition to sustain the President; but the tended upon him apprehends no fatal result. friends of the Homestead Bill object to the Some two or three others were considerably idea of applying the principles of the message to their favorite measure. We do not see how the President can escape such application. If loosing of the rein-fastener holding one of the the Veto means anything, its application must leaders, by reason of which the team became be made to all improvident grants of the public domain. The Precident in his annual message, as well as in this, places the government in the situation of a landowner, who manages and improves his estate in a prudent manner The government should encourage roads through it, by granting alternate sections, because it will double or quadruple the value of the balance, and bring it more readily into sale and settlement.

Granting lands to the lazy landless, can never enhance the value of the public domain.-No man is worth having in a new country, who lacks the energy to gather together the small pittance now demanded by the government for its public lands. There may be exceptions, occasioned by peculiar and continureparation in the Black Warrior case which was de- ed misfortunes, but the rule in general will hold good. Such a course would bring upon The New York Sunday Times says that the "cor- the frontiers, where we want live, active workonation of art," as Mr. Barnum felicitously expressed ers, the curse of an idle population, willing to the opening, came off with great eclat on the 4th inst. declare themselves paupers, and always to re-There was a great contrast between the failure of last main so. For, the able bodied man who would summer and the present success. The first was an take a grant of land under the provisions of J. Gibson, Benton county, were among the arrivals for the people. The addresses were of a very high the contemplated Homestead Bill, when an acre costs no more than the price of a dozen from stenographic notes, read very well. Judge tipples, has "shiftless," "lazy," "pauper-by-naand hindrances to the development of our gloinsult to our fruitful, generous soil.

Oregon furnishes an example of the impolicy of granting lands to the lazy landless. Mosquitoes have appeared in New Orleans for the grants made by government to settlers in that in it are, first published all civil, military and according to the size of families, the smallest being a half section, or three hundred and twenty acres. These grants are now being rapidly thrown up, the settlers preferring to relinquish Christian Long, a German, was found dead in his their claims rather than remain thereon the term of years required in order to get a title in

We infer from the tone of President PIERCE's During April there arrived at Boston 679 vessels. admirable message to which we have alluded. Over one hundred colored persons have arrived at that the Homestead Bill will meet with no favor at his hards. He is a strict constructionist: and if that bill is worked through Congress, we look to him to save us from the curse which would follow its enactment as a law of

Both branches of the legislature of Connec ticut were organized on the 3rd inst., at New by thirteen votes to four scattering, President of the Senate; and in the House, La Favetie The journeymen harness-makers of Rochester are bodies were also chosen from the whig and On going into the passage way he found the on a strike for an advance of wages, demanding an freesoil parties. On the 4th inst., the legisla- door open, and told his sister to go to the stair

Governor-Henry Dutton, New Haven. Salisbury. Secretary of State-Oliver H. Perry, of

Treasurer-Daniel W. Camp, of Middle

Comptroller-John Dunham, of Norwich. The whole number of votes cast for Governor was 233, of which Mr. Dutton, whig, had 140, and Samuel Ingham, democrat, 93.

Rhode Island.

The General Assembly of Rhode Island assembled at Providence on Tuesday, 2d inst.-Wingate Hayes was chosen Clerk in the Senate, and Henry Y. Cranston, Speaker in the

The official count of the votes gave the following results:

For Governor-whole number 15,956; of which Wm. W. Hoppin, Whig, has 9,216, and is chosen. [Fr. Mr. Dimond had 6,523, and scattering 217.]

Americus V. Potter, 6,425; Schuyler Fisher, 2.774; scattering 109. No choice.

There was no choice by the people for Secretary of State, Attorney General, or General Treasurer, and the two Houses in Grand Committee, elected the following officers, in default of an election by the people (the election by votes): John J. Reynolds, Lieut. Governor; fleet, whose proceedings it characterizes as "timid Wm. R. Watson, Secretary of State; Chris- and sleepy. topher Robinson, Attorney General: Samuel B. Vernon, Treasurer.

Execution of Hendrickson.

ALBANY, May 5. John Hendrickson, Jr., was executed be tween the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock to-day

After the death warrant had been read, the Given in doses of a wine-glass full every three or deputy district attorney asked whether he (the might play against the world and win every stake. culprit) had anything to say, to which the Do

"All I have to say, I have said to the Rev.

The cap was then drawn, the rope severed

Serious Accident.

One of the stage coaches coming down from Considerable discussion has been already Saint Anthony yesterday morning, overturned, damaged by the fall. No blame is attached to the driver, as the accident occurred from the unmanageable.

> THE BROADWAY CALAMITY.-The jury in the Broadway calamity case brought in their verdict on the 14th inst. In it they say that "the whole building was, in our estimation; a complete death trap, and could not have been more insecure and dangerous if it had been constructed purposely for the destruction of human life. It was moreover deceptive in appearance; and on that account diabolically dangerous in case of fire." The jury reported several parties as responsible for the insecurity of the building—the architect, the mason, the carpenter and the lessees, and entirely exonerated the occupants from blame.-The fire they believed to be the work of an in

Personal Intelligence.

S. O. Dunning, New York; A. A. Soule, L. E Fisher, Wisconsin; Col. Stewart, U. S. Army; G S. Law, J. H. Trader, St. Anthony; R. B. Snyder J. Hay, J. Hienly, Penn.; A. S. Harris, Chicago; at the American House yesterday.

Valuable Acquisition.

A highly valuable work has been added to the Library of Congress—a complete file of the London Gazette from 1656 to the present time. This is the only complete file in existance, and was obtained through Rich's sons. of London, the English agents of the Library. rious Northwest. Their presence would be an The Royal Library of Great Britain made several ineffectual attempts to obtain this work. but the prize was borne off by Brother Jona-The Gazette has been for 200 years the official journal of the British government, and Territory, were for large quantities, varying naval appointments; resignations, deaths and dismissals—all bankruptcies, proclamations, ordinances, and the dispatches from military and naval officers in command on foreign sta

The history of the whole civilized world the last two centuries, in which England has borne so important a part, is contained in this journal. There we find the original record of the battles of Boyne, Blenheim, Fontenov. Minden, Ramillies, Quebec, Bunker Hill, Sar atoga. Yorktown and Waterloo; and the greaf sca fights of Camperdown, Aboukir, St. Vincent, Copenhagen, Trafalger and Navarino. The deaths of Wolfe, Howe and Nelson—the appointments and promotions of Wellington, Moore, Smith, Pigot, Beresford, Catheart, and other heroes whose names will be rapidly suggested to the reader.

A Max Shot.—We understand a man b the name of Palmer was shot on Monday night, at the residence of Mrs. Arnett, on the Sand Hills, by a small negro boy. As related to us it appears Mrs. A. a few nights ago had Haven. John Boyd, a freesoiler, was chosen a valuable dog shot on her premises. She procured a shot gun, loaded it and gave it to the boy, with instruction if he found any one prowling about the premises, to shoot. On Monday Foster, whig, received 123 out of the 200 night the boy was aroused by his sister, who votes cast, for Speaker. The clerks of both was sleeping close by him, and told that someture elected by joint ballot the whig candi- case and give the alarm, he remaining in the dates for State Officers, the people having fail- passage with the gun. She did so and Palmer came running down, and on reaching the door ed to make a choice. The following are the the boy gave him the load of buck shot, which brought him to the ground. Palmer is seriously if not dangerously wounded. He is a resi-Lieut. Governor—Alexander H. Holly, of dent of Harrisburg so we are informed.—Augusta, Ga., Republic, May ?.

The Feeling in England.

There is great discontent manifested in England at the tardiness of the government in sending succor to Turkey. We have before us the London Morning Advertiser, of April 20th, which is severe in its de nunciations of the Ministry. It says that the "de-lays which have taken place are not only proving dis astrous to the Turks, but they are meant to do so.—
It cannot be too often repeated that they are not the result of mere imbecility or incapacity, but of deliberate connivance. We charge some influential party or other in the councils of the Sovereign, with crimi nal complicity,—with playing purposely the game of the Czar. We do not, as we said some days ago, undertake to name the traitor; but we re-affirm that there must be a traitor, because there is treachery .-Nor will he be able to conceal himself much lo He will be speedily discovered and dragged into the

light of day, from the darkness in which he has hitherto contrived to enshroud himself. In the meantime Russia is having everything her own way. She is crossing the Dar be in all directions, and marching and countermarching wherever and whenever she pleases, she has got up a very con-venient insurrection in Greece, and, through British instrumentalities, will get up another at Constantino-ple. She is still, in effect, the mistress of the Black Sea. Her transports and other vessels proceed from one part of the Euxine to another, as if there were For Lieut. Governor—whole number 15.
990; of which John J. Reynolds has 6,882; Admiral Dundas might just as well be lying with his flect at Spithead. A little more time is all that she requires. And that, under some flimsy pretext or another, she will obtain, through the same traitorous influence at head-quarters, to which she already owe so large a debt of gratitude. She is on the high road to the attainment of all that she seeks. In a very brief period, Turkey, through the assistance of England, will be broken in pieces, and Constantino and the Bosphorous become the possessions of the Czar."

The London Times, although the "organ" of the Ministry is scarcely less severe, upon the want of ac-tivity displayed in the war movements. It is partic-ularly savage upon Admiral Dundas of the Black Sea

CALIFORNIA GAMBLING .- The Marysville Herald says that some time since a gambler absconded from that place, leaving behind him a roulette wheel, which on being taken apart, was found to be structed that, by touching a spring, the bottom of every box painted red would be made to rise, presenting a box painted red would be made to rise, presenting a being taken apart, was found to be so consmooth surface, and leaving the ball no alternative but to drop into the black. Should the heaviest betting be upon the black, the screw might be pressed a little harder, whereupon the bottoms of all the black boxes would come up, and the ball must go into the red. Moving with the smoothness of clock work, the machinery could never fail. With it a child Doubtess many a young man who has gone out from our Eastern States to the land of promise, buoyant with health, and hope, and energy, and has there earned by the sweat of his brow an amount sufficient to render him independent for life, has, in a moment

Churches and Pastors.

It has been suggested to us that the Rev. Mr. Neill, of this city, either has tendered, or was about to tender his resignation as Pastor of the society to which he has been attached for some years. He designs devoting his time to the building up a large

The Rt. Rev., the Missionary Bishop of the Northwest, held divine service at the Episcopa Church in this city, on Sunday last,

Rev. T. S, Childs has resigned the charge of th Presbyterian Church in Hartford.

A new Baptist Church has been formed at Bellow Falls, Vt.

Rev. J. T. Marsh has resigned the pastorate of the Congressional Church at Peoria, Ill.

Rev. E O Bennett has become pastor of the Con gretional Church in Anamosa, Iowa.

A New O S Presbyterian Church has been formed A new Unitarian Church edifice has been dedica-

A Baptist Church is being erected in East Boston

Rev Geo Mixter is in charge of the Second Baptist church in Waterford, Conn Rev Dr Coit has received a call to Saint Paul's

Rev G V Maxham has been installed pastor Rev G W Quimby has closed his labors with the

Universalist Society in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev Mr Slade has resigned the pastorship Universalist Church, in Foxbro', Mass.

An elegant Congregational Church is being erected in North Rridgewater, Mass.

Rev J H Spelman has been dismissed from the Presbyterian Church in New Albany, Ind. Rev Henry Shedd has been called to the Presbyerian church in Mt. Gilead, O.

rian Church in State Lick, Penn. Rev Mr Barrett, of Dutchess County, N. Y. has

Rev Mr Bliss, of Springfield, has accepted a call to the Congressional Church in Southbridge Mass.

Rev Dr Lanthrop. Late of Auburn, N Y, has received a call to the Congregational church in Sharon, Mass. Rev Benton Smith has accepted the pastoral

charge of the Universalist Church in South Reading, Mass.

Christ Church, Lexington, Mo., and accepted a call or fifteen hundred pounds of beef. Rev Mr Willey, of Stonington Conn., has accepted the charge of the Episcopal Church, at Augusta,

Rev W W Patton, of Hartford, has declined and invitation to the Elm Place Congregational Church, which, with the tallow, he was forced to go home,

A new Unitarian house of worship, substantial and commodious, built of stone, has been opened in West Roxbury. Rev J G Craighead has been dismissed at his re

quest, from the pastorship of the Presbyterian Church in Northumberland, Pa.

Rev Dr Palmer, of Charleston, accepted a call to Cincinnati, but his Presbytry refused to place his call in his hands.

The following from the Cleveland Plaindealer in limates that preaching dosen't pay in that vicinity: The Rev D Pickards, the eloquent and popular divine, who so long dispensed the gospel to our neighbors across the river, has abandoned the profession, and is now a clerk in the Canal Commission.

The Rev A McReynolds, late paster of the Pres byterian Church at East Cleveland, has also laid off the surplice and gown (if such things they wear) and is now the popular station keeper at the Euclid

The Rev B K Maltby, late of the Methodist Church in St. Clair street, devotes his time to the American Monthly Magazine. The Rev L D Mix, late of the same church, is

retailing family supplies in the dry goods line at Chagrin Falls. The Rev Win Day, the well known and popular Chaplain of the Mariner's Church, and he whome every sailor on the Lake reverenced as a holy father, has abandoned the profession, and is selling hats and bonnets by wholesale, for A Fuller & Co.

The Rev J H Breck, whilom of the Presbyterian persuasion in this city, is farming in the south part of the county.

The Rev Mr North has been some time in the Daguerrean business.

The Rev Mr Fuller, now of Brighton, is also arming it a little, and attending to matters more

The Rev Mr Burritt, who, a few years ago, f.d. hungry souls from the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Fracklin Mills, is now feeding the physical man. He keeps a boarding house in the city.

Miscellaneous Items.

The Democratic Companion, of Carrollton, Ohio, says that recently a Mr. Fisher, who resides near that place, as he opened the door of his dwelling found, on the threshold a large sized basket containing two female infants, believed to be twins, and not more than two or three days old. They were comfortably, but not very elegantly dressed. The basket was lined with paper and old clothes, and the wrapping up and covering were such as to make the little creatures very comfortable.

The basket was lined goods of the kind, ever offered in this city or Territory. The goods and clothing are all new, and of the LATEST SPRING STYLES, selected with great care from the largest and most fashionable houses in Boston. He has also an extensive ascortment

The origin of the phrase "paid down upon the nail" is thus stated in the "Recollections of Keefe," the dramatist:—"An ample pizza under the Exchange in Limerick, was a thoroughfare. In the centre stood a pillar about four feet high, and upon it a circular plate of copper, about three feet in diameter. This was called the nail, and on it was paid the earnest for any commercial bargains made—which was the origin of the saying, 'paid down upon the nail.' Per,

haps the custom was common to other ancient towns. The New Orleans Picayune records the suicide M. Jules Hymel, an inhabitant of the upper part of the parish of St. John the Baptist. The cause of the desperate act was the having lost in that city, on a late visit, the whole of the returns of his crop, and the moneys he had received for members of his family, amounting altogether, according to some state-ments, to \$4,000. He returned to his home, but the following morning, after embracing his children, took laudanum, which he had purchased just as he was leaving the city.

Open an oyster, retain the liquor in the lower or deep shell, and if viewed through a microscope it will be found to contain multitudes of small oysters, covered with shells, and swimming nimbly about—120 of which extend but one inch. Besides these young oysters, the liquor contains a variety of animalcule, and myriads of three distinct species of worms. Sometimes their light resembles a bluish star about the centre of the shell, which will be beautifully luninous in a dark room.

The patent reclining seats introduced by the Balti-nore and Philadelphia Railroad, into their night cars, are attracting the deserved enconium of travel lers. The patent seats have also been introduced upon the Wilmington and Raleigh, and the Wilmington and Manchester Railroads, and are all that claimed for them. There can be no question of their general adoption in cars running at night.

The oldest man married in Massachusetts, last year, was aged 76 years. Two brides were 80 each. The youngest girl who blushed and said yes to the of excitement or forgetfulness, been induced to stake his haid-earned gains at the table of a gambler—perhaps on such an instrument as this—and has thus been robbed not only of his wealth, but of his hope, been robbed not only of his wealth, but of his hope, and his self-restrect.

The Bugle Song.

BY TENNYSON.

The splendor falls on castle walls
And snowy summits old in story;
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And the wild cataracts leap in glory.
bagle, blow; set the will echoes flying;
bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying

O hark! O hear! how thin and clear, And thinner, clearer, further going!

O sweet and far, from cliff and car,
The horns of Elfland faintly blowing Blow, let us hear the purple glens replying: Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O love, they die in yon rich sky.
They faint on hill, or field or river;
Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever,
bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying. And answer, echoes, answer, dying, dying, dying

The Stage.

Why is it that there is so much fuss made about a oman as soon as she goes on the stage? A lady of ordinary appearance, who would scarcely be noticed in the drawing-room, daubs a little red paint on her cheeks, bares her shoulders, (which we cannot bear,) and goes on the stage; when lo! half a dozen young noodles and half dozen old foozles fall desperately in love with her, and all the papers speak of her as the lovely Miss Lucy Leicester, or some such name, although, perhaps, she is really Mrs. Stubbs, with two or three children.

Why is this? It is not merely that lamp-light and paint add beauty to the face and figure, for the charm does not wear off, even should the woman be seen off the stage. We must imagine that it arises from one of the compensating arrangements of Providence, whereby what the woman loses in social positions is made up to her in notoriety.

A singular instance of this kind of thing occurred in Boston the other day, in the case of Mrs. Dion Bourcicault, who, finding the character of married women did not attract the ardent puritans, assumed Rev C Moore has become pastor of the Presbyte- the title of Miss Agnes Robertson, and under the character of a Miss made a good hit, and netted eight hundred dollars at her benefit. Unfortuately, been called to the Presbyterian church in Newton, New Jersey, in the place of Rev Dr Shapter, dein returning thanks for her; he thanked the audience for their continued support of his wife. The word wife was uttered, and the charm broken, and the noodles and foozles left the theatre in disgust.

> A correspond at in Michigau sands us the following as a set off to the somewhat similar trick, practiced by the down-east trader, as recorded in a late "drawer,"

"A farmer from the vicinity of Detroit drove a Rev John A Hartison has resigned the charge of the animal, when killed, would yield some twelve "He sold the ox; the buyer drove him off and

at night came back, representing that the ox had been slaug! t-red, and offered to settle for it, but showing an account of its weight, which fell short of the expectation of the farmer, who insisted on seeing the beef; after weighing and examining though not more than half satisfied, with the mone "During the night, after his return, the dead ox

came home to his yard, alive and well, having broken the butcher's inclesure; and the next day the farmer drove the same ox back to town, and offered to sell him to the same butcher, who, having missed the animal, eyed the new-comer rather suspiciously, and concluded that he had been 'sold.' But he Rev J C Hart, editor of the Ohio Observer, has accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Rathus time.—Harpers' Magazine, RAISING THE ERIE.—Arrangements have been

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