







THE GAZETTE.

them that a mother "would hardly recognize her son among the skeletons of that gaunt crew." I saw them faintly leaning against the tables, where the native women were vending their vile coffee and cold, half-baked tortillas, and vainly expressing the wish that they had a dime to invest in the purchase of such luxuries.

System of Espionage Carried on by Walker. There is no doubt that a regular system of espionage has been established upon all mail matter leaving the country, and that this makes Walker's men extremely careful about writing the truth home to their friends in the States.

I will now bring this long letter to a close. In writing it, I have, I think, been actuated by no spirit of ill will to any person or persons whatever, but by a common impulse of humanity and regard for the interests of my fellow men. I do not consider the Nicaragua line a safe one for the transport of merchandise or passengers.

I am, sir, Very truly yours, D. C. BAXTER.

The Sacramento Age has a collection of Indian relics, consisting of a mortar, spoon and pestle. It says: "They are the most perfectly modeled and the best preserved specimens of the kind we have seen."

AFTER THE STORM. "Bessie," of the California Farmer, is a graceful and imaginative writer. Here is the scene after a storm: "The storm god, after dropping a few tears as if repenting his misdeeds, hath taken his flight, and the moonlight glimmers through the shutters, and the starlight trembles on the freshened foliage."

If Bessie is a married lady—and we are quite sure she is, for how could Bessie be overlooked in the market?—will she oblige us with a scene after a domestic storm? Stools inverted, broken crockery, cat with her tail mashed flat, children squalling, dogs howling, husband in the sulks, with the vegetable merchants at the door; the whole domestic economy knocked into eternal smash, and the wife gone to the theatre with the husband's friend.

A NATURAL CURIOSITY. A correspondent of the Spirit of the Times, writing from Tully, Lewis county, Missouri, says: I saw, yesterday, one of the greatest natural curiosities now extant—a snake with two heads, one at each extremity.

A SIMPLE RULE. To ascertain the length of the day and night at any time, double the time of the sun's rising, which gives the length of the night, and double the time of its setting, which gives the length of the day. This is a little method of doing the thing which few of our readers have been aware of.

The Oroville Californian says that the Sheriff of that county is in the habit of paring off the nails of prisoners to keep them from digging through the wall of the jail.—What sort of prisoners do they shut up in that jail—Diggers?

There was a bull fight in Oroville on the 27th of December, which, however, ended in a failure, like the generality of its California predecessors. Two bulls, not proving game, were tortured and driven ignominiously out of the gladiatorial arena, several pair of unwhisperables were badly torn, the "gran funcion" terminating with a very marked expression of disapprobation and disgust.

"The great American people delight in being humbugged. They pay for that species of amusement more readily than for any genuine or charitable entertainment. Decidedly the best part of the performance was witnessing the crowd around the ticket box. It was a perfect jam for about an hour, in which men were hustled and jammed around in the most admirable manner.

"After McDermott's performance of Richard III, at the Nevada Theatre, his agent was waited upon by a number of persons, who compelled him to undergo the exercise of riding on a rail."

It "seems to us" that the Nevada boys have rather "run the thing into the ground" in regard to Mac. Pelting him with decayed esculents should have contented their "meed of just praise," without making a victim of his agent. The "Tragedian," taking umbrage at the manner in which he has been treated by the critics, has published a "pome" in the Sacramento City Item, in which he gives "critics" the following advice:

Now ye theatrical critics please take advice— For God's sake the actor do spare. Nor condemn him, too much, nor praise him for price: A few grains of modesty your writings let share. It is one in five hundred who write for the press: Of theatrical criticism anything know: Ninny-hammers, apes and asses that "guess," Should snuff of the sulphur of Satan's "below."

The charming and fascinating widow—"Emma"—who advertised for a husband in the Sonoma paper; who said she had \$3000 a year, with other agreeable "et ceteras," has found some handsome "feller"—"just suited to her mind." Nothing like advertising. Now without doubt, "Emma" was afflicted somewhat after the following manner, and wisely procured the invaluable remedies:

"A handsome young widow applied to a physician to relieve her of two distressing complaints with which she was afflicted. 'In the first place,' said she, 'I have little or no appetite. What shall I do for that?' 'For that, madam, you should take air and exercise.' 'And, doctor, I am quite fidgety at night, and afraid to lie alone. What shall I take for that?' 'For that, madam, I can only recommend that you take—a husband!'"

A Coloma correspondent of the Placerville American tells about a jury which had been empannelled just as a circus was entering the town. The fact that the "show" was approaching being known to the jurors, they exhibited signs of uneasiness and disregard for the case in process of elucidation by an attorney.

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THE CENTRAL SUN. All scientific men have maintained that there must be a central point, if not a central sun, around which the whole universe revolves. Maedler, who is unquestionably one of the greatest astronomers ever known, has given this subject his special attention; and he has come to the conclusion that Aloyane, the principal star in the group known as Pleiades, now occupies the center of gravity, and is at present the grand central sun around which the whole starry universe revolves.

The San Francisco Globe of a recent date, relates the following: A very youthful specimen of Deutschland got himself into a perilous situation on Saturday night by staying out too late. He had been entertaining himself in a sociable way with a couple of new female acquaintances, at a saloon on Clay street. The lights in the little parlor, separated from the bar-room only by a partition of curtains, were beginning to grow dim, and our hero was getting very sleepy.

MACHINE POETRY. In the way of machine poetry here is something better than ordinary. The measure of the last line is admirably adapted to the long drawn suspicions of a despairing lover: Oh! lady, hear thy lover sigh; No truer heart there is than mine, I read compliance in your eye, Then why not say at once, I've kept you waiting for a long time, and if you'll have patience till I can get a wedding dress made, I'll be thine.

The cost of the late war to England is now ascertained to have been, in round numbers, £80,000,000. No permanent addition was, however, made to the national debt. The revenues of the two years of the war and the present year have borne two-thirds of the expense, and the remainder will be absorbed in the course of the next sixteen years.

David Dunn, convicted of grand larceny, was brought into the Court of Sessions yesterday for sentence. When the Judge sentenced him to 14 years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, he exclaimed: "G—d d—n the Court, G—d d—n the jury." The Judge replied, "Put that scoundrel in irons—stop his mouth," and it was done.—Sac. Age.

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