

THE PITCAIRN ISLANDERS.—Every reader is familiar with the story of the mariners of the *Bounty* and the singular circumstances which led to the formation of a settlement on Pitcairn's island, where the Patriarch John Adams taught a community of South Sea Islanders to live in Arcadian simplicity and virtuous bliss. Within a few years some reports have prevailed which indicated an unfavorable change in the condition of these interesting people. But we are gratified to find that the simple-hearted Islanders still maintain their innocent manners and happy ignorance of luxury and vice. There seems to be one spot in the world where the benefits of civilization prevail without any of its evils.—The following is the most recent description of the Pitcairn community. It is furnished by Captain Worth of the British ship *Calypso*, who visited the island in March of the present year. The old sailor's eyes appear to have quite run over at the sight of such a picture of happiness :

It was really affecting to see these primitive and excellent people, both old and young, 140 in the whole, looking up to me and almost-devouring all I said, with eager attention, and with scarcely a dry eye among them, and, "albeit unusual to the melting mood," I found a moisture collecting in my own eyes, which I could scarcely restrain, they were so grateful, so truly thank ul for all the kindness that had from time to time been shown them, and the interest in their welfare shown by us and our countrymen. I had all the men and most of the women on board, but there was such a sea that the poor girls were dreadfully sea sick—I fired some guns and let off rockets on the night of our departure; and they returned the compliment by firing an old bonny-rouned gun belonging to the Bunny.

I set them completely up; gave them 100 lbs. of powder, ensign and union j ck, casks of salt beef and pork, in addition of our contribution of all kinds, clothes, books, &c. and sailed on the evening of the 11th for Tahiti.

A VERDICT AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY
—A case was tried in Buffalo last week, between Mary Walker, wife of Hiram Walker, deceased, and the Buffalo and Niagara Falls Railroad Company. On the 18th of December, 1847, the husband was killed by the upsetting of the cars upon the road, at the curve in the road at Black Rock Dam, and the suit was brought for damages. The jury returned a verdict for \$3,500.

☞ Romantic marriages seem to be all the rage in Cincinnati. As an offset to the case of the young lady who married her coachman, an instance is mentioned in the papers of that city, of a youth who married his sister's cook.

A daring but unsuccessful attempt was made on the 27th inst. to burn the National Theatre, Boston: but the flames being

The Republic of Liberia, the independence of which was recognized last month by England and France, was founded in 1-20, by the American Colonization Society.

SAINT JOHN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the Directors of this Society was held at the Secretary's Office on Thursday last, and was well attended. The Board agreed, with much satisfaction, that measures were in progress for establishing Branch Societies in several Districts of the County, and that notice had been given of a meeting at Patrick Brown's tavern at Loch Lomond, on Thursday next, at noon, to organize a Branch Society in that district. It was therefore resolved that the Rules of this Society should be published for general information, and they will be found below. Several Directors were requested to attend the meeting.

It was communicated to the Board, that the celebrated Professor Johnson, so well known by his excellent lectures on agriculture, and who has for some time past, been engaged by the Highland Society of Scotland as a practical instructor, will visit America next season to travel for six months. It was thereupon resolved, that a communication should be addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that an invitation may be forwarded by him to Professor Johnson to visit New Brunswick next season, with the view of obtaining his opinion as to the best means of improving the condition of agriculture in this Province.

The Board resolved to import twenty-five copies of the Farmers' Ready Reckoner from the Glasgow Free School, and fifty copies of the Manual of Farm Husbandry, for distribution—as also a copy of Stephens' Book to the Farm, for the library of the Society.

Mr. Robert Power, of Black River, was added to the list of Directors of the Society, and was also appointed a member of the committee for establishing a Branch Society in the Black River District.

The active exertions of the St. John Society, and the lively interests evinced by the Directors in every matter connected with the advancement of the agricultural interests of the Province generally, will, we hope, have a beneficial effect and induce other Societies to be equally active in their respective Counties and districts. —*Carrier.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—The Telegraph posts are now all up, the wire distributed along the entire line, and put up about twenty miles from Cuba in this way. We understand that the line will be ready for working in a fortnight or three weeks.

The Shop in Prince William-street lately occupied by Mr. Smellie, has been taken for an Office in this City.--*16.*

The Weather of late has been very fine for the season, and so unusually mild, that the River St John is open all the way to Fredericton, with the exception of a mile or two in the vicinity of that City. The Steamer *For St Queen* started from Indian Town last night for Head Quarters.—16

Earl Dundonald.—The Halifax Courier

The Earl of Dundonald who is now about to leave for a season this part of his extensive command, and who came here almost an invalid, has, we are happy to learn, enjoyed uninterrupted good health during his short sojourn in Nova Scotia. It is said he has expressed his determination, if all be well to return to Halifax as early in the ensuing year, as the important nature of his duties will permit. The noble and veteran Earl has not been an idle visitor; he has evidently estimated the importance of the Mineral and Maritime resources of the prov-

We observe by an English paper, that the *North American Fisheries* have especially enlisted his attention; and a strong remonstrance to the Home Government has, it is said, had the effect of calling attention to the limited number of ships of war on this station, considering the immensity of the interests requiring protection;—together with an intimation that the force in this quarter is to be considerably augmented. The thanks of the people of this province are due to the Earl for the zeal he has manifested for our

interests; and it is to be hoped through his instrumentality, the Marine and Fishing resources of this portion of the British Empire, may receive that attention, both at home and abroad, their immense importance demands. We are satisfied that much good will result from the Earl of Dundonald's visit to the Eastern coasts of Nova Scotia.

☞ The company formed some years since in Philadelphia, and which has sent out several successful expeditions to recover the treasure sunk in the Spanish main in the frigate San Pedro, the other day dispatched another vessel, with diving bells, and all the necessary apparatus. In three previous expeditions they have recovered about \$50,000 in Spanish dollars, but there is still supposed to be two or three millions in the wreck, besides a large quantity of jewels and plate.

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The letter portion of the English Mail arrived just as our paper was put to press,—but no papers.

The gold mania of California is spreading over the United States. We observe by the papers of New York and other cities, that expeditions are fitting out for the El Dorado of the West. With the gold beds of California will soon outstrip Oregon and New Mexico, in richness and in population. The command of the U. S. forces, and government of the country, has sent an official agent to the Secretary of War, of both the gold and quiverless mines of California. The gold region is said to extend on both sides of the Sierra Nevada, a surface equal to the State of New York. "All is not gold that glitters may prove an unpleasant truth to the "follo'w'ers."

From the Colonial papers we learn, that the various St. Andrews' Societies through the Provinces, celebrated Thursday last, St. Andrews Day, by the good old custom, of dining together, and from the descriptions we have seen, a right merry time they had of it.

EXTRAORDINARY.—There fell under our observation yesterday, says the Kingston, (Ulster, Co.) Journal, the most singular case of disease we ever witnessed. The subject is a man named Snyder, aged 35 years residing in the town of Wawarsing in this county. Four months ago he had an attack of sickness; but recovered and was to all appearance entirely healed. About a fortnight after his recovery he was seized with drowsiness, and for some time slept nearly two-thirds of the day. This increased until he would sleep two or three days without waking. When we saw him yesterday he was continuing an uninterrupted sleep of 5 days. His pulse is regular though not very full; his respiration is easy and natural, and his skin moist and cool. If food or drink be placed in his mouth he swallows it, and he walks when led by the hand and slightly supported. Tuesday last he awoke from a sleep of two days, spoke a few words, struck a lady who was in the room violently with a chair, and almost immediately afterward sunk into his present slumber. He has been sent to the New York Hospital.

NEW TELEGRAPH.—It is stated that a line of magnetic telegraph is about to be constructed in Cuba, by a gentleman of New York.

There are three literary debating Societies in Halifax—the Catholic, the Young Men's, and the Atheneum.

INCIPIENT TURKISM. Rev Mr Fletcher, Pastor
of the Second Universalist Church in Lowell, has

been suspended from the Ministry
that he was engaged to be married
at the same time.

USURIOUS INTEREST. It is
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CUBA—A Spanish position in the *Tribune*, the rumour source, correspondent of the Spanish Government for the and Porto Rico to the United

Copper.—The whole amount that has been shipped this September, up to August 18th, one hundred and sixty-two of nearly pure copper.

A St. Thomas's Church, founded on the 25th Oct. A Sab. Mr. William H. Smith, of St. John, New Brunswick, second daughter of Mr. Smith, of the former place.

At Nishiwak, on the 17th N. L. Lathrop, Hymn and aged 55, oldest Baptist Ministers in the one whose Christian character is well respected by the community as well as of the At Nishiwak, on the 23rd the Maria McDowell, aged 40 of Exeter, England, and of the late Rev. Walter Price, Saint Mary.

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