

she came with her father to our hospitable shores, a stranger; but had scarcely set foot on the soil of N. York, than she was engaged, without solicitation on her part, as a servant. With economy she saved a portion of her scanty earnings, and from time to time sent money to comfort the 'old' as well as the young 'folks at home.' 'The object of her heart was to be again united with her nearest relatives, and this encouraged her to exert her energies with that view; so she paid the passage of the first one of them, and then that of another, until her five or six brothers and sisters were safely landed in America. Latterly, the 'dear old mother' joined her children in this city; the husband having died several years ago in New Jersey. The entire amount of money contributed by the generous Irish woman of whom we have been speaking, for transportation purposes, is over five hundred and fifty dollars. After stating that a younger brother and sister are attending school at her expense, and that the elder brothers are now at work on their own account, but nevertheless, to a great extent, objects of her tender solicitude, the Sentinel adds:— "This woman has visited various parts of the country as a servant-maid, but was never afraid to travel alone, the good Providence always protecting her." For three or four years she was located in this city; but restless further to benefit 'the family,' she not long since went to California, where she is in the receipt of high wages, and is 'gathering gear' to pay the expenses of their passage thither."

The St. Louis Riots.—A man in New Orleans kept a vicious dog which attacked and bit another man. The latter got a gun and shot the dog—a very natural proceeding, for which few could blame him. But he was an Irishman, and for this all the Know-Nothings blamed him; and the owner of the dog required a policeman next day to arrest him, without a warrant. This the policeman had no right to do, and refused, whereupon the owner grew abusive and thus broke the peace and was taken to the Calabouse till he got cool. Out of this the Know-Nothings of New Orleans got up a riot; and that great city proved in the day of need to be as much at the mercy of an armed rabble as was our neighboring city Newark.—N. Y. Freeman.

The Sandwich Islands Treaty.—The Albany Evening Journal gives the following as the particulars of the new treaty:—"The Islands are to be at once admitted into the Union, not as a territory, but as a State, with full State sovereign powers. In consideration of this surrender of their national sovereignty the United States, besides agreeing to respect all existing charters, land titles, &c., are to pay some \$300,000 or \$400,000 annually as life annuities to such persons as the sovereign authorities shall designate.— It is believed that the number who will be declared entitled to share in this annuity, will not exceed thirty individuals, including the King, his two sons, and the members of the House of Nobles, all of whom are now rich, and constitute the great landholders of the kingdom. Their ages will average about 40 years; and the sum to be paid to each will cease to be a debt upon the United States government, at their death. Besides the sovereignty of the Islands, all the government property—including buildings, claims upon foreign governments, &c., will, it is understood, be transferred to the U.S. government by this treaty. The value of the buildings alone is said to exceed \$1,500,000, and these claims upon the French and British governments to about \$500,000 more, making an aggregate of \$2,000,000."

GROWTH OF MORALITY IN THE UNITED STATES.—Any constant reader of the daily newspapers must have observed that of late there has been an increase in these crimes which had their victims in the gentler sex. We are threatened, indeed, with a new department in our daily press—a column for the disasters of women. There is scarcely a week that we have not to record some outrages on female virtue or life. Trials for divorce, violence, brutal treatment, murder, are becoming common. The public mind is getting fast accustomed to the new style of enormity. Already there are signs of hardening sensibility and growing indifference to the wrongs of the suffering party. The outbreaks of indignation that once assailed these abominable acts, are now rarely exhibited, and it is quite enough for us if the law can take its course in the punishment of the offenders. Few seem to be aware how these vices are increasing, and still fewer view them with that alarm which they ought to excite. This is one of the saddest features of the matter.—That women should be subject to such brutal conduct, and yet the community evince so small a degree of feeling, is anomalous in this age of supposed refinement, but still it is true in point of fact.—N. Y. Times.

MELANCHOLY EFFECT OF THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE BIBLE.—Since the departure of Mr. Baron Martin from Chester, who before he left declined signing the warrant for the execution of Sarah Featherston, convicted at the last assizes of the murder of her child, no communication with reference thereto has been received from the Secretary of State. Soon after her conviction she admitted her guilt to the chaplain, who has been exceedingly kind and attentive to her, and made a statement to the following effect:—"She says that about the time she took away the child from the nurse, not knowing what to do with it, she turned to her Bible for consolation. She accidentally opened upon a chapter in Deuteronomy where it is said—"A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord;" her uneducated mind applying the words to her own case, became more deeply affected, and as she sauntered along with the child she was compelled occasionally to sit and relieve herself by a flood of tears. More sensible than ever of her degradation, she at last formed the fatal resolve of murdering it, and tied the bricks up in its dress as related in the evidence. She then placed it on the pond, and it floated a little, and afterwards sunk. Becoming conscious of the awful crime she was committing, she seized a willow branch which lay beside her, and attempted to drag the child back to the shore, but it was now out of her reach."—Chester (Eng.) Current.

PENNY MICROSCOPES.—There is a man who sometimes stands in Leicester Square, who sells microscopes at a penny each. They are made of a common pill-box; the bottom taken out, and a piece of window-glass substituted. A small eye hole is bored in the lid, and thereon is placed the lens, the whole apparatus being painted black. Upon looking through one of these microscopes I was surprised to find hundreds of creatures, apparently the size of earth-worms, swimming about in all directions; yet on the object-glass nothing could be seen but a small speck of flour

and water conveyed there on the end of a lucifer-match from a common inkstand, which was nearly full of this vivified paste. Another microscope exhibited a single representative of the animal kingdom showing his impatience of imprisonment by kicking vigorously. Though I must confess to a shudder, I could not help admiring the beauties of construction in this little monster, which if at liberty would have excited murderous feelings unfavorable to the prolongation of its existence. The sharp-pointed mouth, with which he works his diggings; his side-claws, wherewith to hold on while at work; and his little heart, pulsating slowly but forcibly, and sending a stream of blood down the large vessel in the centre of his white and transparent body, could also be seen and wondered at. When the stock of this sort of game runs short, a common carrot-seed is substituted; which, when looked at through a magnifier, is marvelously like an animal having a thick body and numerous legs projecting from the sides; so like an animal that it has been mistaken by an enthusiastic philosopher for an animal created in, or by, a chemical mixture in conjunction with electricity.

I bought several of these microscopes, determined to find out how all this could be done for a penny. An eminent microscopist examined them, and found that the magnifying power was twenty diameters. The cost of a lens made of glass, of such power, would be from three to four shillings. How, then, could the whole apparatus be made for a single penny? A per-knife revealed the mystery. The pill-box was cut in two, and then it appeared that the lens was made of Canada balsam, a transparent gum. The balsam had been heated, and carefully dropped into the eye-hole of the pill-box. It then assumed the proper size, shape, transparency, and polish, of a very well-ground glass-lens. Our ingenious lens-maker informed me that he had been selling these microscopes for fifteen years, and that he and his family conjointly make them. One child cut out the pill-box, another the gap, another put them together, his wife painted them black, and he made the lenses.—Household Words.

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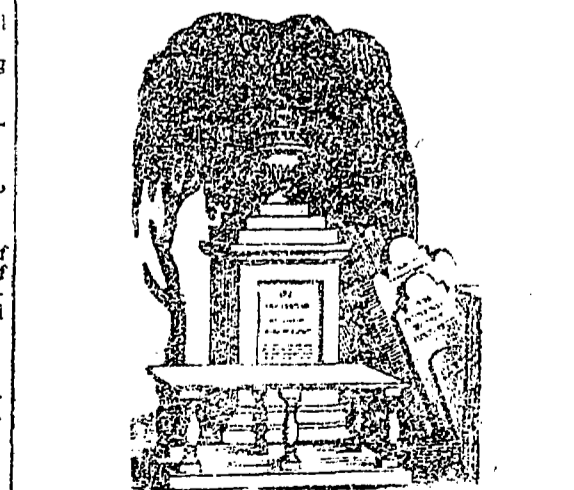
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