

Notice to Correspondents.

I. D., CUMMINGSVILLE.—Both papers were sent. We shall enquire into the cause of their non-delivery.

C. D., LONDON.—Photographs received. They will be useful to us.

J. A., OWEN SOUND.—Good sketches or photographs of Canadian scenery will at all times be acceptable.

S. M., MITCHELL.—The 'Illustrated News' is issued weekly, not fortnightly as stated to you.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.

CORVETOWN, Dec. 6th, 1862

A public meeting was held in this place on Saturday the 6th, for the purpose of forming a Franklin Institute. A chairman being appointed, it was moved that application be made to the Grand Division for a charter, which was agreed to. Mr. Tutbill, the representative of the Grand Division being present, he was requested to proceed with the inauguration of the applicants. The election of officers was postponed until next meeting.

CLEANINGS IN VANITY FAIR.

RESTRICTIONS UPON TRAVEL.—On reading the 'Conditions on which Passes to the South for Females' are in future to be granted, we were struck with particular items in the document, which appeared to render it almost a dead letter.

1st. Females going South are required to state their respective ages.

2d. Females going South are permitted to take but one trunk, each.

Under these circumstances, it is our private opinion that very few 'Females' will 'go South' so long as the order referred to remains in force.

'OPEN SESAME.'—One of the Washington Correspondents, alluding to the strict reticence of Lord Lyons since that nobleman's return from Europe, says that 'Several efforts made by prominent men to induce him to open his mouth met with marked failure.'

Did none of the 'prominent men' in question think of inviting his lordship to dinner?

RESPECTABILITY ON ICE.—It was with proud satisfaction that we lately saw an advertisement in the daily papers under the heading 'Fifth-Avenue Skating-Pond.' Here, thought we, is something exclusive at last. Here you may cut a figure—all sorts of figures, in fact—upon the very skirts of the aristocracy, which, of course, will be put in requisition for sweeping the ice of winter, as they already do the flags of Broadway all the year round. But our aristocratic ardor was damped as we read on and arrived at the following words:

'Only a limited number of persons of character and respectability will be received as subscribers.'

This decides us upon withholding our patronage from the Fifth-Avenue Skating Pond. If the projectors of that place of amusement imagine that we will throw ourselves away in a crowd containing 'only a limited number of persons of character and respectability,' they are very much mistaken in us.—We have a reputation to maintain. Do you suppose that we would accept an invitation to an evening party in one of the salons of Fifth Avenue, where 'only a limited number of persons of character and respectability' were likely to be met with in the rowdy turmoil? Not much. Not any, in fact. We think we see ourselves doing it!

THE PHILOLOGIST.—Anxious Parent—'I don't want no 'rithmetic forced into his infink mind; but I expect yer to pay particular attention to his grammar.'

THE TABLEAU VIVANT.—Julia, who is rehearsing Tableaux for the Holidays, engages Pat, for this occasion only.

Julia.—'Now, Patrick, Miss Anna is the Goddess of Liberty, you see, and we want you to stand for Garibaldi.'

Patrick.—'Me, is it? Bedad I'll do Garrybaddy first-rate if the Goddess'll dance an Irish jig to the tune of Garryowen!'

A SHIP ON THE HORIZON.—A correspondent writes to us asking whether the City Comptrollership is an iron-plated vessel.

It is not, sir. We have good authority for stating that the ship in question is lavishly overlaid with Tin.

THE TWO GREAT BORES IN THE NAVY.—Secretary Welles and the Passaic's fifteen inches.

THE GREAT DRAWBACK OF WAR.—The drawback of the trigger.

TO ARTISTS IN WOOD.—If you want to carve a *fac simile* of a schemer out of wood, try Adler for the purpose. In other words, make an Alder-man.

JOKE BY A GENTLEMAN RECENTLY FROM NINEVEH.—The greatest country in the world for ninnies is Africa. There you take your pick of 'ninnies.'

IMPORTANT TO THE DRUG TRADE.—If you want a first-rate article of Castor Oil, try your summer Beaver.

THE NEW SPIRITUAL THEORY CONFIRMED.—The Spiritualists announce that they can obtain the photographs of people who have been dead for ages, in confirmation of which it may be stated that if you shake up very old Jamaica Spirits you will be sure to see the Venerable Dead.

A MOVING INCIDENT.—Among the headings of the *Herald's* correspondence from Virginia, in a late number of that paper, we observe the following:

'A Rebel Female Opens Her Lingual Batteries on Your Correspondent—Desire for a Movement of Some Kind.'

We consider ourselves safe in saying that, under the circumstances, the 'movement' referred to must have been a rapid skeddaddie on the part of 'Your Correspondent.'

ON THE SPOT.—We have lately seen in the columns of the *Herald* letters headed 'From our Spotted Tavern Correspondent.'

Would it be unfair to presume that the *Herald's* correspondent repairs to the Spotted Tavern for the purpose of visiting the Striped Pig?

COME DESPATCH! DESPATCH.—There is a great deal of speculation about the expedition of General Banks, the expedition of General McClernand, the expedition of General Thibaudat; but what we should prefer hearing more of, is the 'expedition of the Navy Department in re Semmes et al.'

CEDAR CHIPS.—Among the latest war news is the intelligence that the rebels are in possession of Lebanon.

We should not be surprised to hear that the fellows who captured that place now call themselves Cedars of Lebanon instead of Se-ceders.

THE WEALTH OF NEW YORK.—If anything were wanting to attest the great wealth that circulates among us, and the small impression made upon New York prosperity by the war, we rather think that the following might do it:

\$5 Reward.—Lost two teeth on a gold plate. Please address—, *Herald* office.

Happy, it has been said, is the man born with a silver spoon in his mouth; but oh! how far more felicitous the lot of one who hands about his teeth on a golden plate!

HOPPEFUL.—Now that some of the newspapers are reducing their size, we may look for 'unvarnished-tales' in their telegrams, occasionally.

LINES.—Respectfully inscribed to Mr. George Francis Train, Stump-Candidate for the next Presidency.

How brilliant is the march of mind!
To-day leaves yesterday behind;
And star-eyed Science to the Arts
A magic sweep and power imparts.
But Art nowhere such increase gains
As in the mode of drawing trains.
First horses drew: then steam was used:
Caloric has some minds amused.
But now all these we can surpass,
For here's a Train that goes by—gas!

TOO CANDID BY HALF.

As Tom and his wife were disputing one day Of their personal traits in a bantering way,
Quoth she: 'Though my wit you disparage I'm certain, dear husband, our friends will attest

That, compared with your own, my judgment is best!
Quoth Tom, 'So they said at our marriage!'

'A LA FOURCHETTE.'—The correspondent of the *Daily Times*, who follows Crittenden's fortunes, tells about the capture of twenty of the Michigan cavalry near a place called the Hermitage. Here we quote him:

'They were strongly posted, and could have successfully resisted their assailants and maintained their ground; yet they suffered themselves to be taken completely by surprise while eating their breakfast, and surrendered without any effort at defence.'

Certainly these Michiganders were miserable poltroons. Armed as they must have been with knives and forks, a simultaneous invitation from them to the Rebels to 'come on,' would have brought the latter to Break-Fast in 'very short metre.'

RUSSIAN FUNERALS.

We learn, from Khol's work on St. Petersburg, that black coffins are seldom used in Russia; coffins are generally brown, but children have pink, grown up unmarried girls, sky-blue, while older females are indulged with a violet color. Among the poorer classes the coffin is adorned with pine branches, while among the rich, the whole way from the habitation to the church, is strewn with the same. Mr. Khol says—'The coffin is carried to the church uncovered, that the acquaintance who may happen to meet it in the street may have a last glimpse of their friend's face. The lid is carried before. The coffin is followed even, in the day-time, by a band of torch-bearers, with broad cocked hats, and enveloped in long black mantles. All those who meet the funeral procession take off their hats, and offer up a prayer to heaven for the dead; and so earnest are their devotions, that they do not replace their hats until the cavalcade has disappeared from their sight. This mark of respect is shown to every corpse—to Russians as well as to Protestants and Catholics. In the church the corpse is again set out in state, and the priests, clad in black and white, and holding in their hands wax-lights enveloped in crape, supply the dead with everything they judge necessary for the journey. On his forehead is placed a fillet ornamented with holy 'saws' and images. In his hand is stuck a cross of wax or other substance. He then receives the passport. Even a plate of food is placed near the coffin. This funeral dish is termed *kulja*, and generally consists of rice cooked with honey, formed into a kind of pudding. This is strewn with raisins by way of ornament, and on the top lies a cross of the same fruit. The wealthy, instead of raisins, use small pieces of sugar. The priests are best pleased when these are tolerably large, as the food falls to their share after the ceremony. After this a mass, in Russian ecclesiastical language, *Panichida*, is chanted by the priests. During this the relations take the last farewell of the departed, all kiss his hand, and amongst the lower orders the most doleful and eloquent addresses succeed. If the deceased be a married man the widow gives way to the most moving and poetical expressions of sorrow. Wringing her hands,' continues Mr. Khol, 'and staring all the while at the face of the corpse, as if he were still alive, she cries now louder, now more gently, *Golubtschik moi Drushotschick*. Alas! my little dove, my little friend, why hast thou deserted me? Did I not prepare everything at home for thee with love, that thou might thus spurn thy wife? Wo is me! How fresh and well didst thou sit with me and thy children only six weeks ago, and playedst with thy little son Feodor, who is three years old; and now thou art dead and still, and answerest not a word to thy wife and weeping children!—My little friend, my husband, lord, awake! awake! Amidst this lamentation without end the coffin lid is closed, and the procession moves on to the burial-ground.'

EXTRAORDINARY CLAIM UNDER A ROYAL WILL.

In the Probate and Divorce Court, on Tuesday, Mr. Gibbon made an application on behalf of Mrs. Lavinia Sanette Horton Ryves, the daughter and executrix of Mrs. Olive Serres, who, it may perhaps be remembered, claimed to be the legitimate grand niece of George the Third, and to be Duchess of Lancaster. The motion was for leave to cite the Duke of Wellington as the personal representative of George IV., the heir-at-law of George III.; and also to cite the Attorney General as representative of her present Majesty, the heir-general of his late Majesty. The object of the application was to obtain probate of the following alleged will:

George R. St. James's.

In case of our royal demise, we give and bequeath to O. iv.; our brother the Duke of Cumberland's daughter, the sum of £15,000, commanding our heir and successor to pay the sum privately to our niece as a recompense for the misfortunes she may have known through her father.

Witness—J. DUNNING, CHATHAM, WARWICK. June 2, 1774.

This document had never been revoked. Mrs. Serres had through her lifetime made every effort to obtain probate, but she had always failed, the judge of the Prerogative Court alleging that he had no jurisdiction over the will of a sovereign. Since her mother's death, Mrs. Ryves, her daughter and executrix, had also sought to obtain probate without success, but she now hoped to avail herself of the Act of Parliament constituting this court. The will had been im-

pounded by the Prerogative Court, and was already in the registry.—Sir C. Cresswell: Whom do you say you wish to cite?—Mr. Gibbon: The Duke of Wellington, as executor of George IV.—The Court: But he is not executor, he is only administrator; and the administrator of an executor does not represent the testator.—Mr. Gibbon: Then, in that case, I must fall back upon my motion to cite the Attorney-General.—The Court: Cite her Majesty, in truth and effect.—Mr. Gibbon: Precisely so.—The Court: In the year 1822 this question was discussed by Sir John Nichol, and I am very little inclined to disturb his decision. I have no jurisdiction over the supposed claim of Mrs. Ryves.—Application refused.

Commercial.

MEMPHIS MARKETS.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 12.

There is no material change from last week's quotations.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

Flour.—Receipts 23,000 barrels; market quiet but very firm; sales 10,000 bbls at \$5 90 a \$5 95 for superfine State. Canadian flour quite firm; sales 450 bbls at \$5 20 a \$6 45 for common; \$3 55 a \$3 25 for good to choice extra. Rye flour steady at \$4 50 a \$5 50.

Grain.—Receipts of wheat 29,937 bush; market quiet and scarcely so firm; sales 40,000 bush at \$1 23 a \$1 30 for Chicago spring; \$1 28 a \$1 55 for Milwaukee club. Barley heavy, at \$1 25 a \$1 55; sales 1,500 bush. Corn receipts none; market active and firmer; sales 55,000 bush at 77c a 78c for shipping mixed Western. Oats steady at 66c a 68c for common to prime.

Provisions.—Pork steady. Beef unchanged.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.

Flour is firm at \$1 40 for No. 1. No notable change in other articles. The general tendency is towards increased firmness, and business done without change of prices.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 29.

Breadstuffs market is generally steady, but quiet. Richardson, Spence & Co., Bigland & Co., and Waterfield, Nash & Co., report flour quiet but steady; American 23s to 29s. Wheat dull; red Western 9s to 9s 9d; red Southern 9s 9d to 10s; white Western 10s 6d to 11s; white Southern 11s 3d. Corn quiet; mixed 29s 3d to 30s; white 31s 6d to 33s.

The same authorities call the market steady, and quote beef quiet but steady. Pork dull but unchanged. Bacon quiet and steady. Lard active at 39s to 40.

The Broker's circular reports ashes steady; pots 33s; pearls 34s. Sugar very dull. Coffee steady. Rice steady.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for Week ending 5th Dec. \$62,650 85 1/2
Corresponding week last year \$51,470 21 1/2

Increase \$11,180 64

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending 29th Nov. \$112,735 19
Corresponding week last year. \$ 93,173 21

Increase \$19,561 98

Account of Company's freight, included in above Nil.
do. corresponding week, '61 \$1,062 30

STOVE AND PLOUGH WORKS.

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