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and those on their way there are likely to get what provisions they require if they have enough money to purchase them. We would therefore strongly recommend those who intend to go to Cariboo to take plenty of money; and if possible, carry with them enough flour, bacon, and beans for two months' consumption. For, except the rush there be greater this season than can now be fairly anticipated, the packers will push through such plentiful supplies by the middle or last of August as will meet the entire demand, and leave something to spare. There are nearly 350 miles of wagon-road now in course of construction on the two river routes to Cariboo, and at last advices labourers could not be had, though the two lines would furnish employment to 1,000 to 2,000 men, at \$40 and board per month, with tools found. Whoever, then, is unable to live in Cariboo owing to short funds, can get work, and whoever may go up from here will find employment. One of the road companies have had to hire Chinamen, as white men would not work unless paid \$60 per month. This indicates that the upward-bound miners are tolerably flush in funds, and will be able to get along without asking credit, which, in miner's parlance, is 'played out.' With the exception of a temporary scarcity of provisions, and the want of funds to last the miners till they open their claims, we can assure our readers, both at home and abroad, that the accounts from Cariboo are as favourable as the most ardent gold-seeker could wish. Were 500 croakers—a class of men who infest all mining localities everywhere—to return to-day, it would not alter our convictions one iota as to the extent, durability, and richness of the Cariboo mines."

(To be continued.)

THE NETTLE SEEN THROUGH A MICROSCOPE.—When thus viewed, the leaf of the Nettle appears the model of an extensive estate, decorated with timber and shrubbery, and subdivided by the rays or ribs which proceed from the main stalk or spine into several compartments.—*Timber Things not generally known.*

AN INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF AN UNFLEDGED GENIUS.

URSULA would write a book, but, though she felt capable, her untried efforts caused her to need the advice and sympathy of some one who knew more of the world and its likings: and to whom should she go but to Jane, her good, wise sister? So to Jane she went.

"Jane, I want to write a book."

"A book!" reiterated the astonished elder—"a book!—what can have put that ridiculous thought into your head? Don't you know how many books are continually being sent to the market? it is already full."

"The very reason which encourages me, as it proves the demand to be great."

"Silly child! That is just like saying that because the market is full of bread, people must necessarily be hungry."

"Well, sister; and do we not constantly require fresh supplies of food, both for body and mind?"

"But, remember how many poor authors are continually learning that their attempts are miserable failures."

"That's the author's fault," interposed the young literary aspirant.

"And it's a dear risk," continued Jane.

"But it would not be a failure," persisted Ursula, "if the writer produced anything startling and new."

"I agree with you there," replied the wise sister; "but is there anything new under the sun?"

"No, there never has been since the flood; yet people have continually written, and had their books read. What I want to know is, wherein the charm of a story consists."

"As to that, there are, undoubtedly, diverse reasons which make books popular; and before you attempt anything of the kind, I would advise you to try to find out the secret of the people's taste."

"You say there are various reasons; will you name some?"

"Well, 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' for instance, had such a run, partly because it treated on the popular subject of slavery. Many books owe their popularity to the light reflected from a predecessor; while others gain attention by the peculiar style of their arrangement—'Life for a Life,' *poor example*; and others still, to a certain pleasant mystery which enthralls the imagination and stimulates thought."

"But there are many more common-