

Friendship.

There is a star whose kindly ray... There is a spark whose genial warmth... There is a tree forever green...

The Drink Curse at Sea.

On Sunday morning, at an early hour, the maritime population resident about the North Shore, Monkwearmouth, were hurried by the news of a dreadful tragedy...

A Revolution in Domestic Economy.

The discovery of oil has already exercised a modifying influence upon the existing condition of things, and we are inclined to think it career as a revolutionary agent...

A Great Reform Beginning in America.

One of the most serious obstacles which the missionary in India is called to meet, is the prevalence of caste, which seems to be a system specially contrived by the arch-enemy...

America in the Midst of War.

From Mr. Sala's Letters. I hesitate to say that the American people go mad on the Fourth, because it is not insanity during the two hundred and odd days I have passed on this remarkable continent...

THE STEAM VESSELS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The mercantile steam marine of this country is increasing with great rapidity, and now consists of no fewer than 2277 vessels, with a gross tonnage of 883,934 tons...

Shingles rendered Fire-proof.

Mr. John Mears says, in the Boston Cultivator, that he has prepared shingles in the following manner, and after an experience of several years, and using seven forges in his business, which enabled him to smelt a single ton of iron and nail started...

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An Amphibious Steamer.

A Toulon letter of the 24th says: "Experiments have been made during the last few days with a new kind of iron clad gun-boats which have been enabled to move at a rapid rate on land as well as on water...

"Buncoomba."

At a meeting held recently in New York, one of the speakers in the course of an oration, glorifying the successes of Gen. Grant's army, said: "The end is at hand. After the storm comes the calm. Worn and weary by the usual cares and labors of his office, having devoted well of his country by the death of his patient industry, his inflexible integrity, his pure and unselfish patriotism, and by his fixed determination to restore the Union, another term of office awaits Abraham Lincoln. (Tremendous cheering.)"

How Lee Repairs his Broken Railroads.

The facility with which General Lee repairs his railroads after they have been torn up by our cavalry raiders, is so conspicuously fact, the truth of which is undoubted. General Lee is, in conjunction with several English railroad engineers, organized a corps of railroad constructors, which has this matter in hand. Large supplies of new railroad iron have been received from abroad and placed at convenient points, and duplicate of all important bridges are also on hand.

CAPTURE OF FOUR HUNDRED FACTORY GIRLS.

A correspondent with Sherman's army writes, under date of the 11th instant: "The same day on which the Twenty-third Army Corps effected the capture of the Chatahoochee, the 8th, Col. G. Sherman's cavalry also crossed at Rowell but about an hour later than this corps. Having marched rapidly the day before upon the large cotton factory at that point he took it together by surprise, destroying a vast quantity of army stores, which was extensively manufactured there, and taking captive four hundred factory girls. The latter capture was certainly a novel one in the history of war and excited not a little discussion as to the disposition which was proper to be made of the fair captives. Giving cloth and comfort to the enemy they must assuredly have been made prisoners of war, and they were to be sent to the depot of their former employers, since they would be immediately set to the manufacture of tents again; nor was it safe to discharge them unconditionally in the midst of two great armies, many of them far removed from their friends and helpless. Thus red tape was about to become involved in the business, and it was not until the day before a halt to which the girls were invited, and she stayed at home in consequence. It was a terrible revenge."

Gold and Greenbacks.

An enthusiastic admirer of the Administration in the city the other day, the object of his visit was to exchange his greenbacks for a variety of articles of family use and consumption. Finding prices considerably above his "views," he demanded an explanation, and was informed that the high prices of goods resulted from the advance of gold. He replied that he could not see what the advance of gold had to do with the price of dry goods, especially as he did not purchase to pay gold for them. "I've got the genuine Government money to pay for them," says he, "and I don't want to be swindled." He was told that the market was governed by gold, and that the goods were marked up to meet the depreciation of the greenbacks. "Depreciation of greenback!" thundered the customer, indignantly; "you can't fool me with no such copperhead lie as that! Government money goes dollar for dollar—any par, it's its own price. It is not swindled to him the notwithstanding the nominal par value of the greenback dollar, yet it required nearly three of them to purchase one dollar in gold, and that it was value the greenbacks were really worth little over on third their face, and yet by law made 'receivable at par,' and the high prices economy. But 'gold' was all in vain; he couldn't see it, and so expressed himself. Smith, who was present, and who is always ready to undertake a hopeless case, drew a gold dollar from his pocket and attempted to illuminate the subject with a practical illustration: Says he, 'My friend, here is a dollar in gold, and to convince you that your greenback dollar is depreciated, I will show you that you can buy more than twice as much coffee with it as you can with a greenback dollar.' Of course you can't! replied the incoercible customer, 'and that's where the swindle is! It's all a danged copperhead conspiracy. Here's a dollar that Government is pledged to redeem, and yet I can't buy half as much coffee with it as with a gold dollar that no body's responsible for, and that'll never be redeemed at all!' Smith smiled, and turned reporter for the press.—Dayton [Ohio]

THE NEW AMERICAN COIN.

A new species of currency has been issued from the United States mint, to take the place of the nickel coin, which has gone out of circulation there, in consequence of the depreciation in the American money. The difference in value between the dollar in Canada and the United States greenback, or perhaps trade in this now caused by our neighbors and parties from the other side have already flooded this country with their comparatively worthless trade, passing it here at its face value. The consequence is, that our merchants are overworked with the article, without any means of disposing of it, except at the same discount as charged upon greenbacks. Anyone accepting these pieces should remember that they have been coined in order that one hundred of them may represent a dollar in American money, and that consequently that they are of no more value than a United States greenback, or perhaps not so much, and of course are liable to the same discount. The coin is both lighter and far inferior in metal to the previous nickel coin, being solely composed of copper, and has a nasty, less appearance, which contrasts strongly with the neat coin previously issued, although it bears the same design.—London Prototype.

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The Confederate Government was the whole of the action shipped. One half is allowed to the parties owning the steamer, and on the remainder fourteen per cent is entered in specie is allowed as freight, provided, of course, that the vessel arrives at port safely with her cargo. In the case of loss, the Confederates lose their cotton, and the owners their ship. The captain of the blockade runner receives one thousand dollars in gold each trip, or rather he enters a Confederate note for that value in five hundred dollars in gold from the Confederate Government, and on his safe arrival at Nassau or Havana with a cargo of cotton, he receives from the owners of the vessel an additional sum of five hundred dollars.

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The seizure of New York news to have become scarce since the last riot. They have either been stolen or taken themselves off to regions where hanging a man for his color is unknown.

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