

## GATHERINGS.

**ODD NAMES.**—Among the crew on board Her Majesty's ship Howe, now lying off Sheerness, there are four men of colour with the following singular names, viz.:—*Spruce Beer, Bottle of Beer, Black Jim, and Abraham Virgin.* On these names being called over before the Port Admiral, he, at first, thought they were nicknames; but he was assured that the men were not known by any other. D. H.

**JUAN FERNANDEZ.**—This celebrated island, (which the *West Indian* newspaper cruelly sunk a few months since,) "has been taken by an American citizen, on a long lease from the Chilean government. The island formerly served as a place of exile for criminals condemned to transportation; but the expenses of the establishment, and the increasing number of prisoners, determined the government to abandon it. The present possessor is about to emigrate thither himself, carrying with him 100 or 200 families from the Sandwich Islands, with the intention of cultivating it, and rearing cattle on it."—*Times.*

**INSCRIPTION** on a stone, ornamented with a neatly-embossed cabbage, in Comb Raleigh churchyard, Devonshire.

"List! list! O list!

"Beneath this stone, at the depth of three yards, lies the worn-out surlout of Robert Miller, tailor. It was his earnest and dying request, that measures might be taken for the remnants of eight tailors more to be deposited in his hell, that at the awful sound of the last trumpet he might rise a perfect man. His favourite dish was roasted goose, on which he subsisted till he arrived at a good old age, when Death, that grim, relentless master tailor, with his fatal shears cut the thread of his existence. Requiescat in paco!"

The extraordinary demand for the *Times* newspaper, describing the Queen's visit, was so great as to give rise to several curious calculations, which may be interesting to our readers. Most persons are by this time acquainted with the system of printing by steam, and are aware that the paper is conveyed round the cylinder by means of tapes: of these, in the machines used in printing the *Times*, there are about 300, and each of them has been calculated, on an average, to have run, on the occasion alluded to, forty miles, making a sum total of "tape-travelling," for one publication, of 12,000 miles! The papers issued from the *Times* Office on the Friday morning, if joined together length-ways, would extend to twenty-one miles and a-half; or, spread in a square, would cover eight acres of ground. The weight of the paper used was nearly two tons and a-half. The whole of this immense mass of printed paper (within a trifle, though filled almost entirely with accounts of what had transpired on the preceding day and night, had been all delivered from the office for distribution to the public on the succeeding morning, between the hours of six and twelve.—*Times.*

**SIR WALTER RALEIGH'S HOUSE.**—The house of this celebrated man is still standing at Youghal, as built and occupied by himself, in a state of perfect preservation. It is like the town, built close to the sea, and is remarkable for the beautiful carvings on its oak panel wainscoting, particularly a carved chimney-piece—a favourite household decoration in that age, of which there were until within some few years past, similar specimens in one or two of the houses of Long Island, near New York. It was at Youghal that Sir Walter first planted the potato, and made the blunder of boiling the potato apples instead of the roots.

**VALUABLE DISCOVERY.**—A highly useful discovery has been made in Paris by a French gentleman, named Durios; namely, of a process by which linens, woollens, and even the finest muslins, may be rendered fire-proof. It appears that he has exhibited the wonders of his discovery to a number of the scientific gentlemen, who witnessed gannets and muslins pass through the ordeal of a fierce fire without being in the slightest degree burned or injured. It does not appear that he has divulged the secret of the process to which they had been submitted.

**A BENEVOLENT SINGER.**—The principal singer of the great theatre at Lyons, one day, lately, observed a poor woman begging in the street. Her decent and respectable appearance in the midst of extreme poverty, interested the kind-hearted vocalist. He desired the poor woman to follow him into the Place Bellcour, where, placing himself in a corner, with his back to the wall, his head covered with his handkerchief, and his hat at his feet, he began to sing his most favourite opera airs. The beauty of his voice drew a crowd round him; the idea of some mystery stimulated the generosity of the by-standers, and five-franc pieces fell in showers into the hat. When the singer, who had thus in the goodness of his heart transformed himself into a street-singer, thought he had got enough, he took the hat, emptied its contents into the apron of the poor woman, who stood motionless with amazement and happiness, and disappeared among the crowd. His talent, however, betrayed him, though his face was concealed; the story spread, and the next evening, when he appeared on the stage, shouts of applause from all parts of the house, proved (says the French Journalist) that a good action is never thrown away.—*Musical World.*

**NAPOLEON'S SACRIFICE OF HUMAN LIFE.**—Never was there a conqueror who fired more cannon, fought more battles, or overthrew more thrones, than Napoleon. But we cannot appreciate the degree and quality of his glory without weighing the means he possessed, and the results which he accomplished. Enough for our present purpose will be gained, if we set before us the mere resources of flesh and blood which he called into play, from the rupture of the peace of Amiens in 1804, down to his eventful exit. At that time he had, as he declared to Lord Whitworth, an army on foot of 480,000 men. (Here follows a detail of the different levies made from 1804 till 1814. Total of men, 2,965,965.) This detail, which is derived from Napoleon's official Journal, the *Moniteur*, under the several dates, is deficient in the excess which was raised beyond the levies; but even if we deduct the casualties as well as the 300,000 men disbanded in 1815, we shall be much under the mark in affirming that he slaughtered two millions and a half of human beings, and these all Frenchmen. But we have yet to add the thousands and tens of thousands of Germans, Swiss, Poles, Italians, Neapolitans and Illyrians, whom he forced under his eagles; and, at a moderate computation, these cannot fall short of half a million. It is obviously just to assume, that the number who fell on the side of his adversaries was equal to that against which they were brought. Here then are our data for asserting that the latter years of his glory were purchased at no less an expense than six million human lives. This horrible inroad on the fairest portion of the population of Europe resulted in the abandonment of every conquered territory; the bringing of foreign enemies, twice within four and twenty months, under the walls of Paris; and the erasure of his name from the records of demerit.—*Paris Paper.*

**THE QUEEN.**—The following is authentic, and exhibits a most gratifying feature in the character of our young Queen:—A man named Hillman, who served in the capacity of porter to the late Duke of Kent, and who was accustomed to assist our present Queen (then a child) into the carriage, has long since been pensioned by the Duchess of Kent, and is not a little gratified by receiving a bow of recognition from her Majesty whenever he chances to pass her carriage. The aged man has a daughter much afflicted, she having been confined to her bed the last eight years; on the evening of the late King's funeral this young woman received from Queen Victoria a present of the Psalm of David, with a marker, worked by herself, (having a dove, the emblem of peace, in the centre,) placed at the 41st Psalm, with a request that she would read it, and expressing a hope that its perusal might give peace to her mind.—*Globe.*

At a broker's shop in Drury-lane, there is for sale "A green child's phaeton, admirably adapted for a brief country excursion." On an auctioneer's placard was lately affixed "A splendid nobleman's mansion to be disposed of unfurnished with every convenience." An advertisement in a daily morning paper recommends mothers to send their progeny to a commodious boarding school, where there is "no entrance required;" and at last Bartholomew fair, which was rife with orthographical curiosities, a showman invited you to view "an animated likeness of Greenacre, taken after he was hung."

**GRATITUDE.**—In consequence of the humane attentions of Queen Victoria and her mother, to the poor people of the Shetland Isles of Scotland, during their distress, the females of that part of the kingdom have sent down to the ladies in question, a beautiful piece of hosiery and gloves of lambswool, woven by hand, and so fine that they may be passed through a finger ring.

**WOMAN.**—The best and purest feelings of our human nature are excited by woman; and to maintain the supremacy of her influence to contrast with, and in opposition to, the more grovelling passions of mankind, has employed the pens of the brightest geniuses in every age—a most fruitful and eloquent theme.

"Not she, with trait'rous kiss, her Saviour stung—  
Not she denied him with unholy tongue:  
She, while apostles shrank, could danger brave—  
Last at his cross and earliest at his grave!"

Another writer, (Barret,) in his "*Triumph of Woman*," very justly and forcibly says—

Ask the gray pilgrim, by the surges cast  
On hostile shores, and numbed beneath the blast:  
Ask who relieved him? who the hearth began  
To kindle? who with spilling goblet ran?  
Oh! he will dart one spark of youthful flame,  
And clasp his wither'd hands, and woman name!"

Join to these, the testimonials of Ledyard and Mungo Park, and our bouquet for our fair readers is complete. We must not forget however, the fine eulogium on beauty and the ladies in the first of Esdras, which has been very beautifully rendered by Southey, in his minor poems.

**DARK EVIDENCE.**—The following is the next best thing to the evidence concerning the stone, "as big as a piece of chalk:"—"Were you travelling on the night this affair took place?"—"I should say I was sir."—"What kind of weather was it? was it raining at the time?"—"It was so dark that I could not see it raining; but I felt it dropping, though."—"How dark was it?"

"I had no way of telling; but it was not light, by a jug-full."—"Can't you compare it to something?"—"Why, if I was going to compare it to anything, I should say, it was about as dark as a stack of black cats."

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