

yet his physical and mental vigor show no signs of decay. The last three or four years have brought about quite a change in his autumnal amusements. Formerly he left England soon after Parliament broke up, for France, when we first heard of his appearing at the Institute of Paris, under the agis of Arago, and then hobnobbing with the occupant of the Tuilleries, whether Louis Philippe or Louis Napoleon; and finally he was announced as departing for a country seat he had at Cannes, in the South of France. He was there when Rachel died, and it is known he was very attentive and kind to her in her fatal illness. Since then he seems to have renounced France and the French, and to have dedicated his learned leisure to the edification of provincial audiences, which yield him splendid return of journalistic renown.

NORWEGIAN MOSQUITOES.—I believe there is no preventative against their bite, which is instantaneous; they dash through the smoke of strong tobacco like a fox-hound through a bullfinch; they creep under veil or gloves like a ferret into a rabbit hole. Where they can neither dash nor creep they "bide their time" with the pertinacious cunning of a Red Indian. Wherever the clothes touch the body closely, at the knees and elbows, they swarm in thousands, and bite through and through; they creep in single file up the seams of gloves, and try each stitch in succession. I have seen J.'s coat and hat so covered as he walked in front, that I could at any time kill the shape of my hand in mosquitoes at a blow; and I have seen the unhappy horses so overlaid from ears to tail with a clustering mass of wings, that, with the point of my finger, I could not but immolate two or three of the blood-thirsty little demons. There is one puzzling question I cannot solve with satisfaction: What do they live on when they don't meet travellers?—*Letter from Norway.*

A MERCHANT SHIP RUN INTO BY A WHALE.—Captain Baker, of the ship *Herald of the Morning*, of Boston, states that on his late passage from Calloa, when off Cape Horn, his ship had the misfortune to be run into by a large whale. The whale struck the vessel forward, staving off about seven feet of the stem as far as the wood ends, and carrying away both bobstays. The damage done was so great as to cause the ship to leak very badly. The captain was obliged to throw overboard about seventy tons of the cargo to keep the ship from sinking and both pumps constantly going. The ship finally reached Hampton Roads on the 14 inst.—*Boston Journal.*

Editorial Notices, &c.

"THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN."—This is one of our most valued exchanges. We learn that Hon. Judge Mason, of Iowa, who made himself so popular with the inventors of the country, while he held the office of Commissioner of Patents, has associated himself with Mann & Co., at the *Scientific American* office, New York.

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Market Intelligence.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 1860.

The market to-day was better supplied with produce, and although not large, a fair amount of business was done.

WHEAT—To the extent of about 400 bushels was sold at from \$1 18 to \$1 25 per bushel, the greater part having been bought at between the outside figure and \$1 21 per bushel. The market was quiet and steady.

SPRING WHEAT—In good request at \$1 00 a \$1 05.

BARLEY comes out slowly, and is bought up by the local brewers, with some choice lots reserved for seed. The price is steady at 60c a 65c.

RYE—Dull and nominal, 70c a 75c.

OATS—Scarce and dearer, 40c having been paid for one load.

PEAS—Were in large supply at 56c a 60c.

PORK—Steady, with an active demand at \$5 60 a \$6 00 for common to extra hogs, with one or two very prime lots at \$6 25.

FLOUR—Was rather easier in view of the slight decline of Wednesday in New York, which was again recovered yesterday. No. 1, superfine, \$4 55 a \$4 60; No. 2, superfine, \$4 15 a \$4 30; fancy, nominal, \$4 85 a \$4 90; extra, nominal, \$4 25 a 0 00; double extra, \$4 50 a 0 00.

HAY has been in only moderate supply from farmers, but large amounts of imported offering prevents the market from improving. The range on Tuesday was from \$16 to \$23 per ton, the average price being be-