

EXCERPT FROM NEWSPAPER.

"A VALUABLE CABINET OF RARE MINERALS.

"In the window of M. S. Smith & Co. are to be seen a portion of a fine cabinet of minerals, valued at three hundred and eighty dollars, containing an amethyst weighting forty-five pounds, washed with gold pyrites, valued at one hundred dollars, a purple and a pink amethyst, specimens of dog-tooth spar and spar combined with pyrites, and others streaked with iceland moss, etc., in all over two dozen large specimens which were collected by J. G. Swain, an explorer who spent much time and money in gathering them. The owner, who resides at Windsor, is obliged to sell them, and has determined to dispose of them by lottery. One hundred tickets will be sold at three dollars each. The drawing will take place at the Hirons House, Windsor, on the 10th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. Purchasers not present will be represented by E. Viger, of the firm of Viger & Brothers. Tickets can be purchased of Capt. Forbes and Capt. Jenkins, of the ferry steamers Argo and Essex."

LETTER No. XXII.

DETROIT, *November 22d*, 1868.

MY OWN DEAREST MOTHER,—I received your kind letter two days ago, and merely write this note to tell you something I did not intend you to know, but you write as if you were not in the best of health, and consequently I think it better not to surprise you. I am now on my way home, and God willing, will be with you before Christmas. I have intended all along to visit you this winter and was only waiting for the completion of Mr