

THE PENNSYLVANIA OIL SPRINGS.—The continued yield of these springs and veins is creating much excitement in their vicinity and elsewhere, being calculated, as they are, to render that region of our country one of the richest in the Union. One gentleman at Union, Pa. (a Mr. Hall) recently commenced boring, and at the depth of 53 feet struck a vein, which is yielding him 12 barrels of oil per day. Others, from a greater depth, are securing 30 barrels per diem. It now becomes a question as to what the effect of these discoveries will be upon the whale fishery.—*Boston Post.*

BURYING ALIVE.—A correspondent of the London Time states, that in the Commune d'Ecully, in France, two men were buried alive in a well by a fall of loose earth, and that after twenty days one of them was taken out still alive; having survived the want of air, light and food, throughout that period, in addition to the impossibility of moving, and the presence by his side of the dead body of his unfortunate companion, for a considerable portion of the time.

ECLIPSE.—The great eclipse of the sun which takes place on the 18th of next July, will be total in Spain, and and it is said that at least forty astronomers, from various part of Europe, intend visiting that country on the occasion, in order to observe the phenomenon.

It is stated that when the twelve hundred clerks employed in the Bank of England leaves the building in the evening, a detachment of troops marches in to guard it in the night, although burglars could not penetrate the solid vaults in six weeks.

FORESTS attract rain, says the Scientific American; in the lower Provinces they attract snow also.

"The Victoria Tubular Bridge at Montreal, two miles in length, is a fixed fact. The first locomotive crossed over it on Nov. 24th, and it was opened for regular travel on Dec. 18th. The engineer is A. M. Ross, and the builder J. Hodges. Its entire cost is \$6,500,000. There is 21 piers, composed of 3,000,000 blocks of solid masonry. The total weight of the tubes, which are all iron, is 8,000 tons. The shipping pass under them. This is the last link in the Grand Trunk Railroad, 1,000 miles long and in running order, the longest continuous line in the world."

SNAKES are ova-viviparous, that is to say, eggs are formed and hatched within the body of the animal. This, probably, has giving rise to the popular notion that these reptiles swallow their offsprings.

There are more than 1,000 different religious beliefs prevailing among the children of men.

GRASS.—It is said there are 3,000 species of grass in existence.

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