

menting it seems to stare with new ferocity upon him. He touches the knocker as if it were red-hot—shakes it spasmodically—tap, tap, tap—and to Pigeon the sound seems to search through a dead, deserted house—a desolate hibernical. Has Chanticleer gone—a family? Or, anticipating the completion of a threat to be made in afterlife, has she already taken a flight? Strange thoughts thrilled the heart of Pigeon, as she stands pricking his ears at his own insupportable do. He hears a heavy, leaden step—it is Susan; in a second the door will be open. A new, a cutting trial awaits the expectant husband.

Among other valuable presents made by kind friends to the young housewife, Mrs. Pigeon had received a remarkably beautiful cat—a cat enjoying the very best domestic reputation. Indeed, it might have been a knotty point for many tea-tables to decide whose character stood the fairest with the world, that of Mrs. Pigeon's husband—or of Mrs. Pigeon's cat. The cat had descended himself most worthily—was good-tempered, a vigilant monitor, and, with a kind of virtue very usually many excellent people, was never known to dip his whiskers in food when from, provided the abundant luxury were placed beyond his lips, or externally looked from his intruding nose. Up to the time when we write, the cat had had a pattern cat. However, when men fall, why should we always expect cats to keep their feet? To return to Mr. Pigeon.

The repentant husband still stands at the door, awaiting the coming of Susan. What can delay her? As he thinks this question, he feels something at the call of his right leg, and, looking downward, sees his black cat, his own invisible vassal, his musical companion of his tea-kettle, the very best and glossiest of cats, twining his sleek yet somewhat disordered coat, in token of greeting, round his master's legs. In a moment, Samuel Pigeon, the offending husband, acknowledged and felt humiliated by the companionship; he flushed to find that the cat made common cause with his master. Yes,—they were fellow-offenders—coincides in household irregularity. Then Sam thought to kick the cat, but the cat, rubbing closer, seemed to roll himself round his master's legs, and then the animal, throwing up his large green and yellow eyes, and there are times when cats' eyes are terribly human, said, as plainly as any cat could say, by moving,— "Here we are, old boy! both in for it." Now, what might have been Pigeon's answer we know not, for just as the cat concluded this self-evident truth the door opened.

Susan looked significantly at her master and at the cat—again she looked at puss and again at Pigeon. Pigeon walked into the parlour—the cat descended to the kitchen. "My dear love," said Pigeon to somebody seated in a chair, "have you sat up?" The person accosted raised a head, the sweet face shamefully eclipsed by a night-cap, and, saying nothing, looked towards an end of flickering candle. It was broad sun-light, but the candle-end, about to expire—it had doubtless been forgotten—was strong dramatic evidence of the lapse of time. Mrs. Pigeon rose, and, with three or more shawls upon her shoulders, was about to leave the room. "Wasn't it enough for Susan to sit up?" inquired Pigeon timidly. There was a pause—it was a serious moment. The good genius of the wife triumphed; for, after a struggle, she overhauled her face with a look of meekness, and said,— "Why, Samuel, did you not take the key?" With these words, Mrs. Pigeon retired to her chamber, and the husband sank in a chair, from the head to the toes very much ashamed of himself. We are happy to state that the touching resignation of the wife had the happiest effect upon the husband; and therefore recommend it to the adoption of all ladies. "What?" asks one, "did Mr. Pigeon never stay out late again?" "Oh yes! very often." "He did?" "Yes; but then, like a good obedient mate, he always took the key."

(To be continued.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Since the reduction of the duty the annual consumption of stamps has risen in London from 19,000,000, (to speak in round numbers) to 29,000,000 in the English provincial towns from 8,000,000 to 11,000,000; in Scotland from 2,500,000 to 4,000,000, and in Ireland only from 5,100,000 to 5,200,000. The Bristol Mirror reports that the labourers, in excavating the ground for the Exeter

railway, have discovered a subterranean gallery, upwards of 200 feet long, and arched with stone. It is supposed to be of iron-ore origin.

The consumption of tobacco in France is on the increase. In 1837 it exceeded that of 1836 by 1,578,000 pounds. The revenue derived by the Government from this article amounts to about eleven millions of dollars.

Above 16,000 persons are said to have perished at Brussels by the measles, in one week.

SOUTH AMERICA.

New York, June 2nd.—By the ship Josephine, Capt. Merry, and the bark Drymo, Capt. Upton, Buenos Ayres papers and letters have been received to the 7th of April.

The blockade of Buenos Ayres and of the whole river coast belonging to the Argentine Republic, by the French squadron, had been commenced and rigidly enforced.

The blockading squadron consists of three frigates, a corvette, a brigate and a gun brig, and two other vessels. The French Admiral had contracted at Montevideo for a year's supply of provisions, by which it would seem that he anticipates no very speedy adjustment of the quarrel.

Blockade of VALPARAISO.—It was rumored at Buenos Ayres, and generally credited, that an English brig bound to Peru with arms and ammunition for the army of Gen. Santa Cruz, put into Valparaiso in want of water, and that while there, the captain was arrested and shot, and the crew imprisoned;—that in consequence of this outrage the port was immediately declared in a state of blockade by the British war vessels, Capt. Gray, and the Argentine, Capt. Bruce;—that the Chilean government had retaliated by imprisoning the British consul.

UNITED STATES.

FUGA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—It will be seen by the letter of our Washington Correspondent, that a most disgraceful personal fight yesterday took place in the House of Representatives between members of that body.

Washington, June 1.—Mr. Turney here rose, and standing directly in front of Mr. Bell, looked him in the face, and said twice "That is false." Whereupon Mr. Bell forthwith struck Mr. Turney, and being struck back, more than one blow was interchanged. They were parted for a moment, when Turney repeated the provocation by saying again "It is false." And Mr. Bell again struck him, and the contest was once more renewed. Much confusion arose, and the Speaker and the Sergeant-at-Arms were called for from various parts of the House.

Subsequently, Mr. Pannycoker introduced a resolution declaring that the privileges of the house had been violated, and that the parties be both required to apologise to the house.

Before the question could be taken, Mr. Bell rose and voluntarily made a very manly, dignified, and handsome apology to the House, for the occurrence that had taken place.

Mr. Turney also apologised to the house.—Baltimore paper.

Major James Robertson, better known as Horse Shoe Robinson, died at his residence in Tuscaloosa county, Alabama, on the 28th April, in the 79th year of his age.

The Alexandria Gazette says—"We regret to hear that the U. S. steam frigate Fulton, now at the Navy Yard, Washington, is considered a complete failure.

UPPER CANADA.

Toronto, 31st May.

During the past week the various rumours that have spread abroad through the city, caused considerable excitement in the minds of the inhabitants, and no authentic information can be procured relative to these reports. A considerable portion of Volunteers have already returned to their homes, and simultaneously with this partial disbanding of troops, we find the guards in the city increased, and pickets placed where none had been before. The wharves are guarded during the night, and the cry "All well!" proceeding at all hours of the night from the further extremity of the piers, and from the city guards in other places, reminds our citizens that they are protected. On Tuesday the York Militia were called out, with the view of selecting from

each Regiment 100 effective men for active service, and the volunteer corps of night guard, whose services have for some time been dispensed with, are again ordered to be in readiness. The "Queen's Own" commanded by Colonel Kingsmill have proceeded to the Niagara Frontier, to be stationed at Drummondville. All these preparations and changes would seem to indicate that there is something stirring, and we feel persuaded, that the government must be possessed of some information to induce the precautions, not known to the public. But be that as it may, it is pleasing to know that the government are on the alert, and when the hour of danger arrives they will find the people ready and willing to sustain them.—British Colonist, May 31.

An order in Council was received by the Sheriff, directing the liberation of Sylvanus Spencer, known as aide to the renowned General Sutherland, and also for the liberation of Claude Campeaux, Augustus D. Berneaux, Henry W. Johnson, Francis Clutier, Francis St. Augustin, Louis Lenoux, and George Davis. These men were all taken with Theller on board the Schooner Anne of Detroit, and have been liberated without trial or punishment, the order simply being to transmit them to the U. S. frontier, and there set them in liberty. They were accordingly packed off yesterday morning.—B.

Kingston, 7th June.—We learn that one of the regular Militia, at Brockville, who was on sentry, and had orders to fire over any boat he might see in the river, to bring it to, had mistaken his orders, and fired into the steamboat Telegraph, but fortunately with no damage.—Cronicle.

By a gentleman from French Creek, who came down last night by the Upper Canada stage, we learn that before the arrival of Gov. Marcy, the prisoners arrested on charges of being concerned in the burning of the steamboat Sir Robert Peel, had been discharged without bail, with the exception of Scanlan, who had to give security for his appearance, to the amount of 500 dollars! The 5,800 dollars of the plunder found in his possession have been safely lodged in the Waterford Bank.—Eleven were re-arrested by Governor Marcy,—Scanlan being among the missing. A number of silver spoons and other valuable articles belonging to the Sir Robert Peel, had been found concealed in the bush, and given up to the authorities.

A letter received yesterday from Captain Armstrong, of the late steamboat Sir Robert Peel, mentions the arrest of W. B. Wells, late M. P. P. for Grenville, on a charge of being concerned in the robbery and destruction of that vessel.—Mont. Courier, June 8.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 9th JUNE, 1838.

LATEST DATES. London, - - - May 6. New-York, - - June 4. Liverpool, - - May 2. Halifax, - - - May 26. Havre, - - - April 30. Toronto, - - - May 30.

New York papers of Monday last contain no later intelligence from Europe.

The transport Maria (15), Capt. Humble, arrived in port this morning, having on board a troop of Dragon Guards. The Maria sailed from Cork on the 6th ult.

Generals Sutherland and Theller, with about thirty other State prisoners from Upper Canada, under sentence of transportation, are on their way from Toronto, escorted by a strong guard of soldiers. They are expected to arrive at Quebec, by steam-boat, this day or tomorrow.

The High Court of Commission was opened at Sandwich on the 23d of May, by Mr. Justice Jones. It is reported that the prisoners made at Pointe au Pels were not to be tried, till Her Majesty's pleasure should be known with respect to those already tried and condemned in different parts of Upper Canada. Sir Allan Macnab, Queen's Counsel, is the Crown Officer to the Court.

From the Montreal papers of Thursday we learn that passengers from Upper Canada report that the prisoners arrested in the neighbourhood of French Creek, on charges of being concerned in the robbery and destruction of the steamboat Sir Robert Peel, have been sent to Auburn, and that Governor Marcy has

offered a reward of 500 dollars for the apprehension of Hugh Scanlan. They also state that Governor Marcy, accompanied by two hundred men, is actively engaged in searching the Islands opposite for those who have escaped.

A congratulatory Address from the British Wesleyan Ministers stationed in Lower Canada was presented, on Thursday last, to His Excellency the Governor-General by the Rev. Mr. Lusher, of Montreal, accompanied by a deputation of gentlemen belonging to the Wesleyan Connection in this city. We regret that the length of this able and interesting Address, which breathes the true spirit of Christianity and patriotism, precludes its insertion in this day's Transcript. The following is His Excellency's Reply to the Address:—

"GENTLEMEN,—Your congratulations are most agreeable to me, and demand my grateful acknowledgments.

"I have implicit reliance on your assurances of attachment to the principles of the British Constitution, in which you and all Her Majesty's subjects in these Provinces will ever find protection and encouragement.

"I shall not fail in obedience to the dictates of that holy Christian religion of which you are ministers, and in accordance with the prayer of your address, to exercise the high functions entrusted to me with 'justice and mercy'—Justice towards the guilty—Mercy towards the misguided.

"Your fervent expressions of loyalty to our beloved Queen are such as I expected to receive from you and from all who are sensible of the advantages of living under a Constitutional Monarchy."

The Montreal Races are advertised to take place on the 28th, 29th, and 31st August.

The Adjutants of the different Volunteer Corps in Montreal, lately disbanded, have been restored to the full pay establishment.

Sir John Colborne was accompanied from Montreal to Upper Canada by five of the Volunteer Cavalry as an escort.

The General Annual Militia Muster is ordered to take place in the different towns and parishes throughout Lower Canada on the 30th instant.

Colonel Rowan is appointed Military Secretary, and Captain Goldie principal A. D. C. to the Commander of the forces.

The steamer Charlevoix, left Montreal on Thursday night at half past 6 o'clock, and arrived here yesterday morning at twenty minutes past nine o'clock, having stopped at Varennes, Berthier, Fort St. Francis and Three-Rivers.

Captain Birkett, of the brig Madrid, from Rotterdam for Philadelphia, spoke the steam ship Great Western, Captain Hosken, on the 11th of May, then in longitude 41°—thus having completed about half the passage in one week.

Letters of the 26th April have been received from Mr. A. STUART. After having had several conversations with the Colonial Department on the subject of his mission, he was preparing to sail for Quebec, early in May.—Gazette.

"I say Jim," said an imp of our office to a brother type employed with a contemporary in the upper town—"I say Jim, where does your Editor get all them glittering articles which have been shining in the Mercury some days past? they are Cape Diamonds, I suppose."—"Diamonds, you fool!" rejoined he of the Mercury, "Diamonds, why any one can see with half an eye, they are only fragments of Derbyshire Spar."

"Anful Discoveries."—We learn from the Boston Morning Post, that Miss Maria Monk is residing there, and has presented the United States with another citizen.

Dr. O'Callaghan is said to have gone to Boston for "sympathy."

Put that and that together.

Our readers are aware that William Lyon Mackenzie, the late leader of the Upper Canada rebels,—who, like the Lower Canada leader, proved traitor to those whom he had incited to rebellion as well as to his Sovereign,—has "located" himself among the congenial discordant spirits "elsewhere," where he now conducts a newspaper "devoted to the news and politics of Canada." It has been recommended by a contemporary to send the venomous thing to Coventry,—to treat him with the