

We are glad to notice a number (Vol. 21, No. 3) of "Our Dumb Animals," (Boston, 19 Milk st.) devoted to the cause of humanity to our dumb fellow creatures and to the good work of instituting Bands of Mercy, and in other ways inducing interest in animals, especially among children.

Another foolish girl of 23, daughter of an Iowa farmer, is reported to have eloped with a so called "Reverend" scoundrel—a "United Brethren," or some such irregular persuasion, minister—50 years of age, with a wife and seven children. What a pity it seems that those "Reverend" foxes cannot be caught, flogged, and tarred and feathered!

The *American* for August abounds in interest. Some very interesting particulars of General Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga are furnished by H. C. Crandall, and a fitting poetic tribute to the fortune of the late Emperor Frederick is contributed by Edna Dean Proctor. Lt. Schwatka, the arctic explorer, writes about the Eskimmo in a very entertaining manner.

Senator Sherman tells us that the United States desire Home Rule for Ireland, but he is good enough to allay our alarm by adding that his people "are not going to fight about it." We are much indebted to the Hon. Senator for his consideration, but both England and Canada would be much more beholden to the United States if they would realize the practical value of minding their own business and leaving their neighbors alone.

Bouquet throwing has been abolished in the London theatres.

About 7,340 persons emigrated from Ireland during the month of June.

The widowed Empress Victoria is henceforth to be styled Empress Queen Frederick.

The Parnell Enquiry Commission Bill has passed its third reading in the Commons.

The largest Cotton Mill in the world is in Russia. It gives employment to 7,000 hands.

The Duke of Newcastle, who was an extreme ritualist, has become a Roman Catholic.

England returns 495 Members of Parliament to the House of Commons; Scotland 72; and Ireland 103.

In the end of 1836 three public-houses and one shoemaker's shop formed the nucleus of the city of Melbourne.

£13,000,000 worth of fish! That is the retail value of the fish caught annually in Great Britain and Ireland.

Lt. Weissman, the German explorer, does not believe that Stanley is lost, and hopes to hear good news of him at an early date.

Milford Haven is suggested as the port from which the new fast Inman ships should sail, thus shortening the line to New York.

A British lord, who was sent to prison for fraud some time ago, is now said to be porter at the *Pull Mall Gazette* office at £1 a week.

The Government has consented to add to the Parnell commission bill a clause authorising the arrest and punishment of recalcitrant witnesses.

Silesia has been devastated by terrible floods, the worst known in 30 years. The damage done is enormous, and the lake of Lucerne has overflowed its banks.

Archbishop Walsh assures the people of Ireland that their national struggle is grasped by the Pope in all its bearings, and that in every legitimate effort they may count upon his fullest sympathy.

Recriminations between Mr. Parnell and Mr. Chamberlain diversify the *Times*-Parnell imbroglio and Mr. Chamberlain accepts Mr. Parnell's challenge to publish a statement of what passed between them in 1884-5.

Great enthusiasm was manifested last Thursday week at Covent Garden opera, at the farewell in Faust of Madame Albani. The popular Canadian Prima Donna was recalled seven times, and showered with bouquets.

The Parisians are priding themselves on the thousand feet high tower they are erecting on the Champ de Mars for their forthcoming Exposition. Is it a consciousness of their deserts that prompts them to emulate the Tower of Babel?

The reputation of General Boulanger, between his duel and his crushing defeat in the Ardeche, has completely fizzled out. The gallant General will probably be henceforth as harmless as "Major General Stanley" in the *Pirates of Penzance*.

The recent naval strategy manoeuvres and sham fight have elicited strong expressions of opinion adverse to the supposed importance of torpedoes in warfare. Many naval officers dislike and distrust them, and believe them to be dangerous and delusive.

Mr. Balfour, in reply to a charge of responsibility for the deaths of Mandeville and Ridley, retorted that the prison rules were those authorised by the last Liberal Chief Secretary, and that he would never consent to draw a distinction between one class of offenders and another.

The Boers are dominating some of the South African gold fields with a force of 700 mounted police, officered by men of strong anti-British sympathies. The result of the miserable British policy of the last few years is only beginning to be felt, and it will take strong measures to retrieve British prestige.

The *Times* Parnell Government squabble goes on with increasing bitterness. In accordance with the precept *cherchez la femme*, Mrs. O'Shea is indicated as the probable medium through whom the so-called Parnell letters were handed to the *Times*, a deadly quarrel having sprung up between Capt. and Mrs. O'Shea, and Mr. Parnell, where there had formerly been close intimacy.

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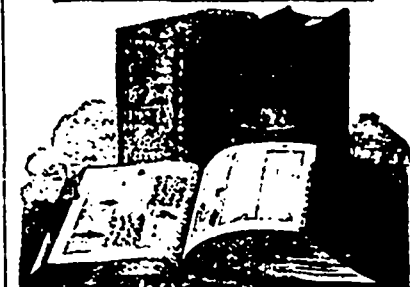
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