



CARRYING SHIPS ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

"A civil engineer of New York, of the name of Wilkins, has brought forward a project, which he claims to have originated, for carrying ships overland by railroad, with their cargoes, to the weight of 1100 tons"—*Daily Express, March 28.*

Our artist has given immortality to Wilkins and his plan in the above sketch of an astonished ship and a frantic engine making their first trip over the bewildered Isthmus. Wilkins is evidently a man whose vast mind is capable of constructing a wooden nutmeg or a lunar aerial locomotive. His full length

statue forms the figure head of the vessel, which of course is named the "Go-a-head." It is understood that he is descended from Mr. Peter Wilkins, and his daring flights of engineering are supposed to have been transmitted to him from his maternal parent, who was one of the flying women celebrated in the veracious chronicles of his illustrious ancestor. As will be seen by an attentive study of the above wood cut, the realization of this short-cut-to-California project has "astonished the natives."

TEMPERANCE SONG.

BY MALCOLM CAMERON, ESQUIRE.

FRIEND OF MY SOUL, THIS WATER SIP.

Air: "Friend of my soul."

Friend of my soul, this water sip,
Its strength you need not fear;
'Tis not so luscious as egg-flip,
Nor half so strong as beer.
Like the Hyæna, when he writes,
It cannot touch the mind;
Unlike what he indites,
No nausea leaves behind.

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION.

Punch suggests as a prolific theme for discussion, by all the political twaddlers, whether during the next session of Parliament Peter Perry and Malcolm Cameron will abuse the administration more than the administration will abuse Malcolm Cameron and Peter Perry.

GREAT SIMILARITY AMOUNTING TO IDENTITY.

The articles in the *Globe*, defending the administration, are very like muskets, for they all end with a heavy "but."

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

We perceive by the Montreal papers, that a number of highly respectable and charitable persons have established a Dispensary, for the sole purpose of affording employment to several indigent physicians.

This institution is founded on the most catholic spirit of Christianity (*Jews being carefully excluded*), without reference to sectarian bias. We are happy to observe that the Clergy of all denominations, however various their opinions on mere doctrinal points, are unanimous in the belief, that the only means of keeping the attending physicians from falling into the snares of the arch-fiend in the manner pointed out so beautifully by the venerable Watts, is to keep them constantly occupied.

This is the true Balm of Gilead for our provincial distress; and were the same steps taken to procure employment for our lawyers, we should no longer hear the cry of "ruin and decay," and the hydra-head of Annexation would be as quickly done for as the "bone and sinew" of our population who may apply to the above Dispensary, will assuredly be disposed of. Such institutions as the above are the only means to terminate the distresses of our labouring population.

PATENT GRANTED.—The Honorable Francis Hincks for the best manner of making a Government unpopular.