

rescent colour, while the head presents the appearance of a bright glowing red coal of fire. The reflection on a piece of paper is also of the two colours. I never saw anything so beautiful." Mr. Bollert adds. "This is doubtless one of the *Cucuyos* family. One, the *Phyrophorus noctuclus*, is described as the South American *Cucuyo*, or glow-worm. Mr. Bollert has noticed glow-worms in the West Indies, North and South America, but never in such abundance and beauty as in the wilds of Western Texas, still he never observed but one light, the green."—*Intellectual Observer*.

## NECROLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE.

— Many of our readers would notice with regret in a Cable despatch a couple of days ago, the death, in England, of Mr. Browne, popularly known as "Artemus Ward." Many have laughed over, and may have derived instruction from his quaint writings, in slightly exaggerated, but keen and at the same time genial Yankee vernacular. He visited this city a short time before he went to England, and delivered some lectures. He displayed in conversation a very modest estimate of his own abilities and writings, and gave it as his opinion that the latter had met with success beyond their merits—and certainly beyond his expectations. He did not feel by any means certain that he should meet with success in England, and in this he has not been altogether disappointed. Many of his writings in *Punch* were amusing, but they were wanting in the point and flavour of his observations on his native soil.—*Montreal Gazette*.

— We learn from England of the death, at the age of nearly ninety-two of Mr. Henry Crabbe Robinson, the friend and champion of Goeth and Schelling, and the associate of the coterie in which were Wordsworth and Southey, Coleridge and Charles Lamb, and their fellows. Mr. Robinson was also an intimate friend of Mr. Walters, and thereby became one of the staff of the earlier *Times*. By profession he was a lawyer—the one whose first brief brought from Lamb the ejaculation, "Thou great first cause, least understood"—but his means were such as to render him independent, and he preferred to surround himself with literary companions, for whom his friendship and his advocacy were so strong that, as *The Spectator* observes, he resented "a depreciation of Lamb as a symptom of moral disease, and ridicule of Wordsworth, even from a lady, as the fruit of natural depravity." Unfortunately, he wrote little of permanent value, though, as we learn from *The Athenaeum*, he left a diary which must be rich in reminiscences of the great men in literature whom he knew so well. Of this, it is to be hoped, the public may have the benefit in some form or other.—*Exchange*.

## MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

— In the Alban hills, near Rome, have been found—in excavating below the beds of 'poperino'—remains of houses, swallowed up formerly as Pompeii was. Vases, stone weapons, and hieroglyphical inscriptions fix with certainty the site, hitherto contested, of Alba Louga, and throw a new light on the private life of the ancient inhabitants.

*Acclimation of the Camel in Australia.*—The introduction of the camel into Australia has been previously announced, and it was effected by the "Société d'Acclimation." We now learn that these animals have adapted themselves to that country, as has been shown by a recent expedition consisting of seventy horses, fourteen camels, and fifteen men. The springs of living water upon which they depended having been dried up, sickness broke up in the camp. The men fell back upon their stores of spirituous liquors, the horses took to flight, while the camels alone remained at their post. It is owing to this circumstance solely that the expedition was reorganized. At last accounts the caravan had arrived at Thompson river.—*Silliman's Journal*.

*Acclimation of the Salmon.*—The eggs of the salmon which have been introduced into the waters of Australia have hatched and the young fish are prospering. Ice has been used in the transportation of the eggs, which, according to Mr. Youle, retards the phenomena of embryonic evolution. This gentleman has found that the vitality of the eggs may thus be preserved for three or four months. It is in this manner that eggs taken from the Rhine at Huningen in Alsace have been successfully transported to Australia. Sweden and Norway are both occupied in stocking their rivers with salmon, so that the fine example of the Zoological Society of Acclimation will not be lost.—*ib.*

— Dr. Arnold once lost all patience with a dull scholar, when the pupil looked up in his face and said, "Why do you speak angrily, sir? Indeed, I am doing the best I can." Years after the doctor used to tell the story to his own children, and say: "I never felt so ashamed of myself in my life. That look and that speech I have never forgotten."

— *Prince Arthur in search of a Profession.*—The arrangements necessary for the accommodation of Prince Arthur on his admission to the Military Academy at Woolwich are now complete. His Royal Highness, having passed the usual examination before the Council of Military Education at Chelsea, commenced his studies in the capacity of cadet on the 11th. For the present half-year the number of cadets, including the prince, is 185.—*Exchange*.

— We take the following from the London *Canadian News*.—"The Minister of Agriculture, as Canadian Commissioner to Paris, has applied to the Royal Commissioners to obtain an additional space to that first assigned, in order the better to display the Canadian contributions to the Exhibition, and we have reason to believe that his request will be complied with. Sir William Logan, Provincial Geologist, has arrived here en route for Paris."

— The St. Lawrence River carries by Montreal 50,000,000 cubic feet of water per minute, and in the course of a year bears to the sea 143,000,000 tons of solid matter.—*Exchange*.

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