was almost the only family of any note in England, which did not lose one or other of superstition. The head of the house appears die er, and a clerk in the household of Cranrice. But we are forgetting that we and our triends lice in 1821, and that we shall weary the policine of our reader by tracing those erv historical facts ab ovo.

The Weathercock family, or rather that concerned, resides on a large and productive fessed that his reluctance to remain a minute is an inveterate reader, an inveterate talker, branch of it with which we are at present estate in Leistershire. We have spent much stationary would have driven him from one and an inveterate arguer. You might there their probable annual expense at home and time with them, and have had several opportunities of studying their peculiar merits .-Their mansion affords a perfect college of mutability; every thing is kept in readiness to be destroyed or frefitted, removed or replaced at a minute's warning. It is quite delightful to see how new fashions of furniture come in and go out; how the faces of the servants are continually altered; how the nour of meals, the regulation of the parterres,- in short, the whole system of domestic economy, is always subjected to some ephemeral arrangement, which must soon give way to another equally new, and equally ephemeral. To us, we say, this is delightful. But one seldom finds two tastes and afterwards between Cambridge and Oxalike. Many pronounce the Weathercocks to be quite crazed; and many decide that "they are mighty good kind of people, but

have very d ! whimsies!" The disposition for change, which is inherent in the family, has produced very strange effects upon their place of residence. The house was originally a good stout old-fashioned house, remarkable for mothing but the antiquity of its pictures, and the size of have shifted considerably since it came into occupied in reflections of no very serious sunshine, Summer with Winter, or "the their own way, and to go to war if they the possession of my worthy friends. It has import: such as whether his coat should be Etonian," in which the Serious is united please." The course from which ther inbeen alternately a Hall, an Abbev, a Castle, and a Lodge; nav, during the life of the late few months a Cottage. The proprietor, however, in this instance gave up his design before it had effected any thing beyond the windows. The Mansion bears more permanent marks of its other metamorphoses. On one side it has the square turrets and battlements of the fendal system; on another, the flowery pointed arch of a Gothic cathedral. One of the owners of the place thought proper to sink a most round his babitation; but he afterwards filled it up, and converted it into a circular gravel walk .-Another had a fancy for erecting some solid Doric pillars; he doubtless much improved their appearance, by placing upon them a beautiful Chinese verandah. Similar observations are suggested by an inspection of the interior of the building. You may almost read a history of two or three centuries in the reliques of their manners which are scattered in every apartment. War has been carried on with tolerable equal success between Lely's portraits, Gainsborough's landscapes, and Bunkury's caricatures. A cast of a Hercules looks somewhat angrily upon a mandarm, who is his next neighbour and a tinorous Venus maintains her post with great obstinacy, although her divine presence is invaded by the scaly folds of an immense dragon. There are Bronzes and Cupids, oaken tables, and mahegany tables,

The old Park has been reduced to the same state. A scrupulous homage has been paid to every new mode of cultivation; a thousand emendations, and additions, and improvements, have been successively introduced. But it is easier to plant new customs, than to eradicate the old. Lycaon was turned into a beast, but he retained his old habits of atrocity. Arachne was transformed into a spider, but she did not forget her spinning. The Park of the Weathercocks has, in like manner, assumed various novel shapes, without losing the traces of its old ones. At one time it was dressed out in all thestiff regularity of alleys and arcades; at another, it was dubbed a "wilderness." and was immediately laid waste by a terrible ingrad of shrubs and weeds without number. In one part your eye rests upon the muddy vestiges of an artificial cascade; in another, your foot stumbles over a heap of rubbish, which has been produced by the demolition of an artificial ruin. Some peoaple object to these things; for my part I own I am delighted with them. They show a proper district of one's own opinion; a decorous compliance with the unstable will of the world; an eager spirit of enterprise: in short, they prove that the Weathercocks - have not an ounce of obstinacy in their com-

drab papering, and crimson papering, high

mantel pieces, and low mantel-pieces, Dres-

den China, and French China; everything

is superb, everything incongruous, every

thing unfinished.

P.L' position. Aug. 2015 Sir Wilfrid : Weathercock, the present head of the family, is a cheerful and hale

securious which followed | upon some occasions by the affectation of a which we shall always make it our study to the union of the white and red roses, afford- fashionable stoop, he appears somewhat imitate; -especially when we take up our ed fresh opportunity for the manifestation of | dwarfish; while upon others, by the assump- | pens. the merits of the Weathercocks. Theirs tion of a military gait and a pair of high heels, he bids fair to be accounted a giant. With a self-denial worthy of a Cincinnatus, its members from the indiscriminate fury of he has avoided all offers of place or pension, name of Arthur Clavering. We pass on. all invitations to embark in public life; he to have embraced as many religions, and has confined his manifold talents and his ex- Lady Rachael Weathercock, who is nowise more wives than Henry himself; and a traordinary versatility to the limits of his deficient in the peculiarities for which her ounger branch is said to have been, within own estate Perhaps indeed his determina- family is remarkable. Lady Rachel has now a week, a serving man in the train of Gar- tion in this respect, may have been a prudent attained her fiftieth year; the caprices and one; for although, any minstry would have follies of her wouth have gradually subsidbeen benefited by the unusual facility with ed; and in many points she has become which Sir Wilfrid would have flown from more stationary than a Weathercock ought Land, Valparaiso, Arica, Lima, &c." The patriotic speeches to taxation and gazging to be. Her character, however, is just savbills; from prayers for peace to declarations | ed by one little ingredient, by which a per- says :- to emigrants of the better class, reof war; from professions of economy to son who is unacquainted with her habits, tired officers, and others, to whom the opmeasures of profusion; vet it must be con- may be not a little puzzled. Lady Rachel side of the House to the other, oftener than fore suppose that few subjects could be startis seemly in a public man. Let it be under- ed upon which the Lady would not ground benefit of a sea voyage and most renovating stood that we speak with all due deference a dispute; - but it is no such thing. Her change of climate, the present magnificent and respect for the numerous precedents. Ladyship possesses such a delightful pliabi- conveyance is earnestly recommended .which are to be found in our English Histo- lity of opinion, that it is hardly possible to Terms, including provisions and medical atrv. Leaving great statesmen to settle this differ from her upon any topic. We have tendance :- Voyage round the world, £150. point, we can only express our opinion that heard her advocate and abuse every school in the cabin only; to New South Wales, &c., our friend has certainly acte | best for his of painting or poetry in almost immediate cabin, £50, second cabin, £20, steerage, own comfort, by choosing a quiet private, succession. She combats to-day the very £15; to Valparaiso, &c., cabin, £60, second where he may "change every hour," nudes opinions she maintained yesterday; yet, cabin, £50, steerage, £35." The advertiseturbed by the malevolence of envy or the vi- upon the first semblance of a contradiction, ment adds, that "arrangements have been olence of faction.

neglected. Indeed his father fluctimeted so long, first between Eton and Westminster. ford, that it is marvellous to 'me how little | Wilfrid picked up any education at all. He has however, officined just so much learning as enables him to erv un the Greeks and Latins alternately, and to flirt with all the nine Muses in succession. He sescaped the fatigue of deliberating in the choice of a are like a chess board which is checquered King of France with a show of good faith, tunes, all his friendships, and all his follies. gedy are relieved by the follies of Farce, - solved, knowing that he holds his crown by He spent his first two years upon the estate, or a day in April, which blends rain with a brittle tenure, to let his subjects have red or green; whether his hunter should be with the Absurd, and Pathos is intermingled formation is derived adds; "you may ere bay or brown; whether his equipage should with Puns. What a wardrobe must be you are aware of it find yourselves involved Sir Adonis Weathercock, it became for a be a barouche or a curricle. So far all was vours! To-day you assume the costume of in a war with France; and if it should the ancient family of the Wea hercocks possessions. No evasion would serve; Sir novel and a disagreeable dilemna. In anv triffing part of his domestic economy, in the livery of his servants, in the arrangement of his dinner table, in the fashion of his place he would have bowed without a murning to the decision of his friends; but to inflict upon himself a wife was a thing so ntferly unlooked for and unprepared for, that Sir Wilfrid paused. He hesitated and decided, and hesitated again, through three years; at the termination of which he broke his leg in a fox chase, grew quiet in consequence, sold his hounds, and looked out for a wife-Then another perplexity occurred. Who was to be the happy woman?-He could never resolve to make so inviduous a distinction. "It is very true," said poor Sir Wilfred,

"that Miss Dormer has a very fine face, but then I never much admired her nose .-I certainly have always preferred her consin although that unfortunate cast of the eye -well well, I am a young man, and as my aunt says, 'there is no hurry!' Miss Rayner is very beautiful, and has such charming dark hair; - I always liked dark hair; yet I don't know if light is not as pretty—prettier sometimes,—as for instance Miss Chevier's,—only she is so insipid; I think Lady Mary is more fascinating, but then she is so terrible satirical. Perhaps her sister would make ja better wife-if she was not such a fool!" He consulted in this manner with himself

for a long time: half the belles of the county were ready to pull caps for him, but he "prattled with fifty fair maids, and ellanged them as oft-." At last, in a fit of courage, he flung himself at the feet of his chosen one, -talked some rhapsodies, -sighed some sighs, and awaited his sentence. The Lady was sorry, very sorry-and she was flattered highly flattered,-and she was sure, quite sure,-it would only be attributed to her own want of discernment, that she declined the favour, the honour, the distinction—the he heard no more; he hesitated! should he leave the room ?-yes!-no!-yes!-and he escaped as well as he could.

He has continued to this day a bachelor. In spite of all intrigue, all, solicitation, all persecution, he has remained in this one instance obstinate. In all others he is a real Weathercock. He builds cottages, apparently with no object but that of pulling them down; and pulls them down, apparently with no object but that of building them up; he is a Tory one hour and a Whig the next, and takes in the Chronicle and Courier alternately; he seldom reads more than half a number of a periodical work, and never wears the same coat above a month. In his conversation he pursues the same plan,-or rather want of plan. In short-in-manner, man, between forty and fifty years of age. in language, in business, and in pleasure, he He is about the middle stature, although, sets an admirable example of mutability, authority for making reprisals upon French zeal was not mingled. Isabella belongs to

here say nothing, as his character has been already noticed by another hand, under the therefore, to the Baronet's maiden sister, His elucation was, in his vouth sadly self a more accommodating antagonist, if above destinations every six weeks. possible, than the Neapolitans. Mr Oakley was three hours in conversation with her; could not disagree, -and so they parted."

is Sir Wilfrid's niece. How delightful is "that the people of that country, [France] your mutability, charming Leonora! You | are anxious for a war with us, and that the profession, by the death of his father: who with black and white squares alternately,- has affected to endeavour to get an approleft him in very early life, heir to all his for- or a melodrama, in which the tears of Tra- priation: but that failing to do so, has resunshine; but some tempestuous days were the victim Mary,-to-morrow that of the come upon you like a thunderbolt, when approaching. It was suggested to him that executioner Elizabeth; you put off the diamonds of the Queen for the garland of the it." My information is derived from a first ought to have an heir to its honours and Peasant; the curls of the Coquette for the rate source, and is entitled to respectful veil of the Nun. Your voice has a thousand confidence. Wilfrid must take a wife. He was now in a tones; your lips have a thousand smiles; all of them distinct, yet all of them engaging! You are always the same, yet always varying consistent only in your inconsistency ! Be always so! we will build a fane in the most beautiful region of Fancy; where no two flowers shall wear the same hue, no two days be of the same length or temperature: light gales shall breathe from all points of the compass by turns, and clear streams shall vary their course every hour ;- Stability shall be sacrilege-and Leonora shall be the Goddess of the Temple.

> (From the Daily Commercial Gazette, January 12.)

> MR CLAY'S REPORT .- The following synopsis of this Report is furnished by the Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser

> The Report expressed an entire concur-rence of opinion with the President relative to the justice of our claims upon the French Government, and reviewed at length their origin, and the policy which had been resorted to to procure redress. The Committee also concur with the President in the opinion that the amount stipulated to be paid by the French falls far short of the just claims of our citizens including damages, but was cheerfully acquiesced in, as a restorer of harmony between the two coun-

The committee further agree with the Executivethat acquieser ce in the refusal to fulfil the stipulations of the treaty is not for a moment to be tolerated. The report however, expresses decided reluctance to enter into conflict with our ancient ally, towards whom the people of this country had ever cherished the kindest sentiments. It next proceeds to a critical analysis of the correspondence preceding the treaty-showing that the King of Krance had acted in good faith and that our Minister had been made aware of the difficulties in the way of its consummation. This being the case, the Committee deem it. not only unjust to the French Government, but impolitic, and unwise as respects the claimants themselves, to throw obstacles in the way of the success of the King's exertions, by the adoption of rash and hasty Chambers into bitter enemies of the claims.

The Committee likewise proceed to consider the policy of the President in acting upon the subject without waiting the issue of further proceedings in the French Cham-

The Report concludes with the following resolution, -

time to pass any law vesting in the President | vested of much of its fierceness, if religious

property, in the contingency of provision not being made for paying to the United States the indemnity stipulated by the treaty Of Sir Wiltrid's nephew and heir we shall of 1831, during the present session of the French Chambers.'

A NOVEL NAUTICAL TRIP. - A vessel described as a first class British built and armed barque of 400 tons, is fitting out at Liverpool, and will sail next month, "having been specially engaged by several families of distinction to proceed on a voyage round the world; landing goods and passengers at New South Wales, Van Diemen's advertisement announcing the expedition, portunity of circumnavigating the Globe by the most interesting tract, at as little cost as especially to invalids requiring combined she yeers tound forthwith, and proves her- made for a succession of vessels to the

On the subject of the posture of our afand though the burden of his song was No, fairs with France, I have a few words to No. No, he was unable to pick a quarrel. - | communicate, and which you may depend Like Sir Robert Bramble and Job,-"they upon as correct. Letters from France have been received in town, within the last 30 The only remaining member of the family hours, from official sources which state, you least expect it, you need not wonder at

> In Canada 150,000 of your Majesty's subjects of British blood groan under the oppression of a French faction.

Mr Brunel stated at one of the evening ncetings of the British Association at Edinourch, that the Government had consented to advance a sum which would be sufficient for the completion of the Thames Tunnel, and this announcement was received with

SPAIN.

Spain is highly mountainous, her nume? rous vallies are fertile, and well watered by numerous streams and rivers.

The rains of acqueducts and amphitheatres are still numerous in the country and attests the Roman origin-the language also attests it. The Romans first conquered Spain from the Carthagenians, they were in their turn deposed by the Ostragoths and Visgoths, who adopted the Roman language. The Arabs afterwards overrun Asia, Europe, and Africa, and passed from Africa into Spain, which they possessed for a thousand years-they were driven back from France, and that country was thus saved from Mahometanism. The Moors made many agricultural improvements in Spain and increased in wealth. In some of the mountains there had always remained a christian people, who had be in little regarded, perhaps on account of their insignificance. This little band commenced a warfare against the Saricens, and subdued the provinces one after another until the country was about equally divided. It was in these wars that the Spanish people laid the foundation of their power in Europe.

The middle of the fifteenth century was distinguished by the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella-the conquest of the Moors and of Italy, the discovery and subjection of America. It was common to assign to the conquerors of Mexico cruelty and sordidness, but religious motives preponderated; they wished to establish Christianity upon the ruins of Paganism .- Cortez and Pizarro were among the principal men of the country. It was about this period that Spain had attained her highest greatness; afterwards, she had rapidly declined to a second rate measures, even contingently, which might power. The causes may be traced in part convert some of the warm friends in the to her conquests in America, which drew off her principal men and resources. Ferdinand, during his reign, changed the order of succession, so as to preclude females from inheriting the throne; this right was afterwards restored, and it is upon the ground that the civil war in Spain is now raging .-Don Carlos and his party contending for the former, and Isabella and her mother for "Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this the latter. This fraternal war would be di-