

large treasures, and his stables are filled with the finest horses of Asia. He has 600 slaves in his service, the Chivians themselves being all military, and unwilling to act as domestics. The population of his territory consists of 426,000 Chivians, and 85,000 slaves.—*Morning Post, Feb. 29.*

THE WAY TO SECURE BUILDINGS FROM FIRE.—In Boulogne, in France, having thirty thousand inhabitants, there has not been a fire in twenty years! So of all the other cities in that kingdom. Because, in the first place, the walls are complete all around, and laid on broad, solid foundations of three to four feet thickness, which are most faithfully cemented together by honest workmanship, and never taper, at the highest elevation, to less than two feet breadth. All the partitions of the rooms, &c. are of thin brick, plastered. All the floors of thin octagon or hexagon tiles, laid in a bed of plaster, and painted red and varnished. All the windows are of solid wall, except the wood work of the frames. The doors only are of wood. The mantels and stair-cases are generally stone or marble. What a world of money is thus saved, and misery prevented! The root of the mischief with us is the defective construction of houses—so light and thin are the walls, so has it run up, and so loaded with timber and wood work, that they crush into a heap of ruins as soon as kindled.—*N. Y. Star.*

FRENCH THEATRICALS.—Mademoiselle Rachel, who has rescued the classic drama in France from the oblivion into which it was fast falling, has set half Paris crazy. She is fairly persecuted by presents. She always takes care to have a neat supper ready against her return home from the theatre. A few weeks ago, the main plat was a superb carp. When Mademoiselle Rachel began to divide it, the fish-knife struck against some jewellery. It was found to be a gold bandeau, of the richest kind, incrusting with six precious stones, forming the acrostic of the actress name, and, moreover, an acrostic on her six most celebrated parts: thus—

Roxana.....Ruby.
Amenaide.....Amethyst.
Camille.....Cornelian.
Hermione.....Hematite.
Emilie.....Emerald.
Laodice.....Lapis lazuli.

Shortly before this, she received a golden garland, of the most exquisite workmanship, enclosed in a box of the same material. M. Duchatel, the minister, sent her, for her new-year's present, a complete collection of the French classics, richly bound and gilt.

WHIMSICAL CALCULATION.—What a noisy creature would man be, were his voice, in proportion to his weight, as powerful as that of the grasshopper, which may be heard at the distance of one-sixteenth of a mile! A man weighs about as much as 16,000 grasshoppers, if the voice of one of these may be heard at the distance of a mile, that of a man, were it in proportion to his weight, would be audible at the distance of 1000 miles; and when he sneezed he would run the risk of bringing the house about his ears, like the walls of Jericho at the sound of the trumpet. Assuming, further, that a flea weighs a grain, which is something more than its real weight, and that it is able to clear one inch and a half at a spring, a man of one hundred and fifty pounds weight would, by the same rule, be able to make a spring over a space of 12,800 miles, and consequently leap with ease from New York to Cochin China.

SOLITUDE.—To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society. I am not solitary whilst I read and write, though nobody is with me. But if a man would be alone, let him look at the stars. The rays that come from those heavenly worlds will separate between him and vulgar things. One might think the atmosphere was made transparent with this design, to give man, in the heavenly bodies, the perpetual presence of the sublime. Seen in the streets of cities, how great they are! If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore, and preserve for many years the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these preachers of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile.

CHEERFULNESS.—Cheerfulness, unaffected cheerfulness, is the thing that you must bring into company, if you wish to shine in conversation. Now, I do not mean by this any of those outbreaks of loud mirth, nor what the world sometimes call a "high flow of spirits," but a light and airy equanimity of temper, that never rises to boisterousness, and never sinks down to immoveable dullness—that moves gracefully from "grave to gay, from serious to serene," and by mere manner gives proof of a feeling heart and generous mind. The high and boisterous flow of spirits, so often praised by the superficial world, that keeps up during a party or visit, and then sinks down to absolute loutishness, is, on the other hand, a sure sign of a coarse and vulgar nature.

RESENTMENT TOWARD OTHERS.—The reflection, calculated above all others to allay that temper which is ever finding out provocations, and which renders anger so impetuous, is that we ourselves are, or shortly shall be, suppliants for mercy and pardon at the judgment-seat of God; casting ourselves on his compassion—crying out for mercy. Imagine such a creature to talk of satisfaction and revenge—refusing to be entreated—disdaining to forgive—extreme to mark and to resent what is done amiss. Imagine this, and you can hardly bring to yourself an instance of more impious and unnatural arrogance.

RE-ACTION OF MALEVOLENCE.—The influence of the baneful and immortal qualities upon others may be undefinable, not so their influence on the person who exhibits them; he must be deteriorated. Cases may occur in which civility, asperity, anger, ill-will, may, as far as regards others, produce consequences, opposed to their natural tendencies; but they can only have a pernicious effect upon him who trifles with the happiness of others.

BOUNAPARTE FAMILY.—Several members of Napoleon's family are at present in London. On the 24th ult. Prince Louis Napoleon entertained at dinner, in Carlton gardens, his two uncles, Joseph Bounaparte, ex-King of Spain, and Jerome Bounaparte, ex-King of Westphalia; and his cousin, Prince Lucien Murat, son of Murat, ex-King of Naples. The other guests were several distinguished officers of the French army under Napoleon.

GAS PIPES DISPENSED WITH.—In Vienna, at present, according to a simple perfectly secure method invented by M. F. Derrionet, gas is conveyed in hermetically sealed bags, on carriages constructed for the purpose, from the manufactory, to all parts of the town daily—by which the expense of laying down pipes in the streets is avoided, and the article supplied to the city at a proportionably reduced rate. This plan would offer immense advantages to the companies in London and other large manufacturing cities, by saving the great cost of their mile of pipe and the immense expense of applying gas to each house.

Good nature is the best feature in the finest face—wit may raise admiration, judgment may command respect, and knowledge, attention. Beauty may inflame the heart with love, but good nature has a more powerful effect—it adds a thousand attractions to the charms of beauty, and gives an air of beneficence to the most homely face.

When coal was extremely dear, a gentleman, meeting a coal merchant, accosted him with—"Well, my good sir, how is coal?" "Indeed, sir," he replied, "coal is coal now." "I am glad to hear it," returned the gentleman, "for the last you sent me was half slate."

When first we throw ourselves forth, and meet burrs and briars on every side, which stick in our very hearts, and fair tempting fruits, which turn to bitter ashes in the taste, then we exclaim, with impatience, all things are evil. But at length comes the calm hour, when they who look beyond the superficies of things begin to discern their true bearing; when the perception of evils, or sorrow, or sin, brings also the perception of some opposite good, which awakens our indulgence; or the knowledge of the cause which excites our pity.

A WILL.—A gentleman lately dead, has left by a will a sum of five hundred guineas to his wife, adding a clause that she was not to have the benefit of it till after her death, in order that she might have wherewithal to be comfortably buried.

ENGLAND'S AID TO HER ALLIES.—Within twelvemonths from the commencement of the war she sent over to the Spanish armies (besides £2,000,000) 150 pieces of field artillery, 42,000 rounds of ammunition, 200,000 muskets, 61,000 swords, 79,000 pikes, 23,000,000 ball cartridges, 6,000,000 leaden balls, 15,000 barrels of gunpowder, 92,000 suits of clothing, 356,000 sets of accoutrements and pouches, 310,000 pairs of shoes, 40 tents, 250,000 yards of cloth, 10,000 sets of camp equipage, 118,000 yards of linen, 50,000 great coats, 50,000 canteens, 50,000 haversacks, with a variety of other stores.—*Maxwell's Life of Wellington.*

THE PEARL.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1840.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—The English Packet, 24 days from Falmouth, arrived on Wednesday last, bringing dates to March 7th, which is five or six days later than intelligence received by the British Queen. Very little of political importance appears.—Depression of Trade in the English manufacturing districts—and a change of ministers in France, are the chief items.

Intelligence from the United States excited much interest in Town on Wednesday. Diplomatic movements respecting the disputed boundary, look rather warlike. The British Minister at Washington demands that the people of Maine shall conform strictly to existing agreements between the Governments, and states that the American Government will be held responsible for any aggression that may occur. This is not taken in good part by the American authorities. Many fear that war may be brought about by the conduct of persons on the boundary, although not by the direct action of the two Governments. We trust not,—but that the humanizing effects of peaceful achievements will be allowed to proceed unchecked by the horrors of war.

Much political excitement has been exhibited in Halifax during the past week. On Saturday a meeting was held at Mason Hall, and resolutions adopted, condemnatory of the Address of the House of Assembly, respecting the removal of Sir Colin Campbell. The Meeting also adopted, unanimously, an Address to his Excellency, and went with it, in a body, from the Hall to Government House. His Excellency received the assemblage graciously, and returned a suitable answer.—On Monday a Meeting was held at Mason

Hall, called by the members for the Town and County of Halifax. The Address for his Excellency's recall, and the conduct of the House and Council, generally, were discussed at length. The crowd in the room was oppressively dense. Two sets of resolutions were proposed, but the confusion and lateness of the hour prevented any decision from being taken.

FIRE.—An alarm of fire was given last evening between eight and nine o'clock. It was found to proceed from a house in Hollis street, nearly opposite the New Hotel. Flames soon burst from the roof, and strenuous exertions were promptly made to save the furniture of the house, and prevent the fire from spreading. The first was partially successful, and although the fire at times strongly threatened the adjoining buildings, it was confined to the upper stories of the house where it originated. Before ten the danger was over.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. McKinlay lectured last Wednesday evening on Electricity, with numerous interesting experiments. The room was again crowded, and all seemed grateful for the worthy President's exertions in behalf of the Institute. In consequence of some gentlemen not coming forward, according to expectation, Mr. McKinlay has been called to supply the lecturer's table seven or eight times during the session.

Rev. Mr. Intosh will lecture next Wednesday evening on Pneumatics.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—The question of last Monday evening was, Is Party spirit beneficial?—decided in the negative. Question for next Monday evening, Is Conscience Innate?

MARRIED.

At Boston, 8th inst. Daniel Hardy, of Springfield, to Miss Maria Gorham, of Halifax.
At London, 18th Feb. John Neale Nott, Commander Royal Navy, to Mary, eldest daughter of Sir William Burnett, K. C. H. Physician General of the Navy.
At Granville, on the 2d Jan. by the Rev. J. B. Cogswell, Mr. Samuel Hall, to Miss Louisa, second daughter of Weston Hall, Esq. of that place.
At Clements, on the 9th Jan. by the same, Mr. John Potter to Miss Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr. Abraham Chute, of that place.
At Granville, on the 30th Jan. by the same, Mr. Cyrus Harding, to Miss Jane, second daughter of Mr. James Cumming, of that place.
At Granville, on the 19th inst. by the same, Mr. Charles Halfyard, to Miss Phoebe, eldest daughter of Mr. John Hony, of that place.

DIED.

On the 4th Jan. Mr. Alexander Thompson, a native of Dumfermline, Fifeshire, Scotland, aged 36 years.
On Saturday evening last, Elizabeth, daughter of John Albro, Junr. of this town, aged 12 years and two weeks.
At St. John, N.B. on the 24th inst. Margaret, wife of Mr. Charles, Dunbrack, Senr. in the 63rd year of her age, formerly of Halifax.
At St. John's N.F. on the 29th Feb. last, in the 63rd year of his age, Newman W. Hoyle, Esq. Treasurer of that Island.
At Chester, suddenly, March 5, Mr. W. A. Kearny, Surgeon, in the 38th year of his age, a respectable inhabitant of that place, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his death.
At Herring Cove, on the 24th March, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Jane Shears, leaving a husband and two children to lament her loss.
At Granville, on the 14th March, Ann, wife of W. Young, Junr. aged 40 years, after a long illness which she bore with christian fortitude. Her friends and family deeply lament their bereavement.
At Chester, on the 20th inst. Mr. Ambrose Allen, aged 98 years, a native of Salem, Mass. and came over to this Province during the American Revolution.

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