

doubtless save the Ottomans from that destruction which seems impending over them.

The Imperial armies have in three weeks obtained five important victories, made themselves masters with little bloodshed, of a fortress deemed almost impregnable, the key of European Turkey on the German frontiers, and reduced the provinces of Bessarabia, Wallachia, Bosnia, and Servia; and there is not a strong fortress, nor a powerful army to stop their progress to Constantinople.—Perhaps early next campaign Landulcha may at the gates of the capital dictate peace; and the Porte may be compelled, by the cession of its European territories, to purchase the safety of its Asiatic empire.

The city of Siege is at present precarious, tranquil, and waiting with anxiety, for the result of the Deputation which has been sent to deprecate the interference of the Russian arms.

All the latter, from Sweden announce the great ardour existing for its defence; 6000 volunteers have been armed in the island of Gothland; 5,500 in Bothnia; and at Stockholm, there are 10,000 Citizens who have undertaken the defence of that capital.

Among the few curiosities hitherto imported from Botany bay, is a *Leaf* of very uncommon properties; the most extraordinary is that when dried, even without being pulverised, it goes off on the application of a match, with an explosion somewhat in the manner of gunpowder; the air is afterwards agreeably perfumed.

*Plymouth, Nov. 10.* Yesterday arrived the Echo sloop of war, Capt. Drew, from Newfoundland, with dispatches from Admiral Milbank.

Capt. Drew behaved with great spirit lately to the Captains of two French Frigates, of 40 guns, in the harbour on the French side of Newfoundland; putting into port to rest, after a storm, he was given to understand, after being there a few hours by the Commanders of the French Frigates, that he must not stay in that harbour; he very properly answered, that he commanded a sloop of war belonging to his Master, the King of Great Britain, and conceived he had a right to rest, by treaty, in any port belonging to the French King, several messages passed, the weather growing calm Captain Drew was acquainted they should haul along-side of him, and force him out of the harbour. Captain Drew then very prudently got under weigh, and proceeded to St. John's, with this account to the Admiral.

He was chased, without effect, by the French frigates.

AMERICAN OCCURRENCES.

*Philadelphia, December 10.*

THE following account of an extraordinary *lusus naturæ* is taken from Carey's American Museum; and the fact is certified by a number of respectable persons belonging to Elkton in Maryland where this extraordinary person was born and resides:

Prince, a black boy, belonging to Mrs. Alexander, was born without arms, is now about fourteen years old, and is as lively and active a boy as any of that age. The want of hands he supplies in a surprising degree, by the dexterity with which he uses his feet. With them he conveys his food to his mouth—he sups with a spoon held between his toes—pennies, thrown on the ground, he will collect with his toes, and carry them with safety and ease wherever he pleases.—With his toes, when offended, he will seize a stick or a stone, and attack his adversary. And, what is very remarkable, he can climb the highest fences. This he effects, by placing his chin on the rails, and by it supporting his weight, until he raises his feet, by one of which he keeps himself from falling backwards, until he again raises his chin. By repeating this process, he at length arrives at the top, from whence he descends in a similar manner.

His mother can give no account of any fright received during her pregnancy. She is old, and has borne fourteen children, of whom Prince is the youngest. Whether this *lusus naturæ* can be accounted for from the debility of the superannuated parent, let philosophy determine.

*Jan. 16.* On Wednesday last arrived in this city, on his way to New-York, from Fort Erie, Mr. Andrew Ellicott, after having fixed the Geographical situation of some important places on the Lake, and completing all that part of a survey lying between the west end of Lake Erie, the territory of his Britannick Majesty, in order to determine the western limits of the State of New-York.

In the progress of this business Mr. Ellicott had many difficulties to encounter, arising from the extreme jealousy of the British garrisons, and the continued marshes, and swamps, through which he had to pass, and which cover almost the whole face of that country.

Such an open winter as the present has not been known in this city since it was first founded; nor have we any reason to expect that the navigation of the Delaware will be interrupted this season.

*Lexington, (Kentucky); Oct. 31.* Thursday last was so dark from about two o'clock until about half after four in the evening,

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