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"The character of the entire surface of the moon, so far as telescope power has made it known to us, is just what might have been expected in a world deprived of air and water, and of the tribe of beings to whose life these are necessary. This most inhospitable planet exby nothing but its lofty mountains and cavernous valleys. Chains of mountains and insulated hills are spread over every part of the surface, and lift their menacing and precipitous sides frequently to the height of five perpendicular miles .-In many places huge masses of earth spring directly from the plain and carry their peaked summits to the altitude of 20,000 feet. Nor s the extent of the bases of these stupendous eminences less astounding than ther heights. The dia-meters of the bases of several detached hills of this kind, which measure five miles in height, vary from 24 to 46

" "But the circums ance which deprives the moon's surface of every trace of analogy with that of the earth, is the enormous circular cavities which are found in almost every part of it. Some of these caverns are four miles in depth and 40 miles in dameter. Their edge war. Frequently conical mountain to a consideralle height from the to fin of this dark circular hole. The of this cone is undered visible when the rays of the sunfall directly into the cavern. This internal conical mountain has sometimes a drenlar cavity in its

The provision which gives to the several planets the rateful returns of the seasons is denied the moon, and accordingly not a trace can be discovered on her surface of the slightest variation which can be ascriled to change of sea-

"If, then, the mon be the habitation of living things, thy must be constituted with functions vely different from all those which characterise the animal and vegetable kingdoms of the earth. In the absence of an atmosphere, the Selenites cannot of course be respiratory animals. Sound, which depends on air for its production and conveyance, there can be none. Speech and learing would there-fore be useless faculties. | mont, in which a Miss Munson re-fore be useless faculties. | covered 1425 dollars of a Mr. | cars out; extravagant wasteful liar to the people, along the whole fron-



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THE MOON.

In the last number of the Monthly, of the sky is the proper colour of our at-Chronicle we find some statements drawn mosphere. In the absence of an atmosfrom astronomical observations, which phere, the firmament of the moon is one must be quite new to those who have eternal and unvaried black, Litherto supposed this planet to be in through which the glowing orb of the habited by animal beings. "If the moon | sun holds its solitary way, vainly endeabe examined," says the writer, " for any voring to diffuse brightness beyond the length of time with the aid of the most edge of his own disc. On the arid and ordinary telescopes, the observer cannot ungrateful waste beneath, his genial rays fail to be struck with the unalterable fall in vain-no atmosphere is present to character of the outlines of light and collect, retain, and diffuse their warmth; shade upon her surface. These are so, and if they fail to sustain animal and vedistinct and well defined, that they may getable life on summits of our Alps and be delineated with great exactness."

The first inference which he draws, state of the atmosphere at those heights, from this circumstance is, that the same how much mere meffectual must they be side of the moon is always turned towards in the absence of any atmosphere whatus, and as she turns round on her own ever ? axis, in about 27 days and 8 hours, the Selenites, or inhabitants, so denominated all the planets the same provisions to fit from the Greek word "moon," must them for the dwelling-places for creatures have see hours that plied in the same manner, and to the idea of young fellows dangling two and three o'clook, and on proher; and a third inference, drawn from ing all of those arrangements, without other data, is, that there are no indica- one exception; denied to the moon, we tions whatever of seas or water in the must in the absence of any direct evimoon; and if there is any atmosphere at dence on this question, come to the conall, it must be a thousand times less clusion that one satellite is a barren undense than that of the earth. If would inhabited waste, playing doubtless some require a perfect air-pump, to produce such a degree of rarefaction under a receiver, and such an atmosphere would, animal and vegetable life, by a vacuum of space, unappropriated to and unfitted.

The following cescription gives a fright- living. ful picture of this "silvery orb of thing."

apex, like the crate of a volcano.

succession. Love and Marriage .- A case was recently tried in Rutland, Ver-

tint to the eyes of the Selenite. The blue promise was necessary to bind the parties to a marriage contract, but that long-continued attentions or intimacy with a female was as good evidence of intended matrimony as a special contract." The principal of the case undoubtedly is, that if Hastings did not promis, he ought to have done it, and so Andes, merely because of the rarefied the law holds him responsible for the non-performance of his duty. A mose excellent decision, a most righteos judge; compared with

"Seeing, then, that while we find on necessary part in the creation, but not the higher one assigned to the earth and planet; that it is, in fine, a desert rock, rearing its naked head in the wide ocean

nover to the Leipsic Gazette, wonder that when Betty Simper's The deceased was a very eccentric which we copy in another place, cousin asked if Billy Doubtful character, and although she had speaks of a proposed marriage be- was courting her, she answered lived fourteen years the landlord tween the Crown Prince and the "I dont know 'xactly-he's sor- never entered her apartments but daughter of the Grand Duke of ten courtin." We have no doubt once. Mecklenburg Strelitz. The letter that this Hastings is one of these does not confine itself to the mere " sorter not" fellows, and most announcement of the fact, but it heartily do we rejoice that the undertakes to speculate on the judge has brought him up standson. Under the apprehension that ing with a 1425 dollars verdict. the blindness with which it has The judge says, "that long contipleased Heaven to afflict that uned attentions," or "intimacy," highminded prince cannot be cur- is just as good as a regular promise. ding the publication of the proceedings ed, the King of Hanover, it is said, Now, we do not know what would pass for " intimacy "according calculates on the possibility of a grandchild coming to majority to the laws of Vermont; but supposing 'attentions' to consist in during his lifetime, by which the visiting a girl twice a-week, and inconvenience attending a regency would be avoided. This speculaestimating the time wasted by tion is superfluous and absurd. The warmest hopes are entertained by the royal family of Hanover has been making a fool of himself that the malady of the prince will given way to medical treatment, is generally defended by a high natural and if it should not, the eminent qualities of his mind will do honour to the throne. Prince George has arrived at an age when a wise parent must be anxious for the settlement of his child, and if a daughter of the house of Mecklenburg Strelitz be selected as has consort, we trust that Providence will bless their union. The constitution of Hanover will soon be settled on so sound a basis, that security will be given to their throne, and all the inconveniences removed which might justify the interference of collaterals with the

A Domestic Picture.-You may talk about the domestic hearth, and pleasurs of home, and the family circle, and all that sort o'thing, squire It sounds very clever, and reads dreadful pretty; but what dose it end in at last? Why, a scolden' wife with her shoe down to heal, a seesawin' in a rockin'-chair; her hair either not done up at all, or all stuck up chock-full of paper and pins, like porcupine quills; a smoakin' chimbly a puttin' your eyes out;

Miss Munson to by worth a dollar,

which is dog cheap, Mr. Hastings

fourteen years and some odd

weeks. This decision makes a

new era in the law of love, and

we make no doubt will tend to the

promotion of matrimony and

sound morality.

"No azure firmament offers its mild | Havings, for a breach of marriage | helps a empting of your pockets contract. The curiosity of the out, and the whole thing a wearin' thing is, that the Vermont judge of your patience out -Sam Slick, charged the jury "that no explicit New series.

Death of the sister of the celebrated George Morland .-- On Wednesday an inquisition was holder on the body of Sophia Morland, aged 72, the maiden sister of the celebreted painter; at the Goat, Cheniesstreet, Tottenham-court-road. From the evidence adduced it appeared that on Monday morning the niece of the deceased received a letter requesting her to call on her aunt whome Daniel would appear but on Tuesday. accordingly went to a common squire. We have no the deceased's residence between louds suspended around same extent; and, on the contrary, find- about a woman for a year or two, ceeding to her apartment found without being able to screw their the door fastened on the inside. counige to the sticking point, and Received no answer she alarmed then going off, leaving their sweet- the landlo d, and had the door forhearts half-courted, we hate this ced, when the deceased was disever asting nibble, and never a covered lying on the bed partilly hite this beating the bush, and undressed, quite dead. A medinever starting the game; this cal man was called in, who gave standing to the rack, without his opinion that she had been dead tom ning the corn, it is one of the some hours as he supposed, from crying sins of the age. There is apoplexy, there being not the not one girl in twenty can tell slightest mark of violence upon The letter addressed from Ha- whether she is courted or not. No her. Verdict, Natural death.

LOWER CANADA.

The court martial at Montreal commenced business on Wednesday of last week. The twelve prisoners pleaded not guilty. One witness only was examined on that day, the court adjourning at 4 P. M. An order has been issued, forbiduntil the trials are ended.

Dumouchelle, one of the most active of the insurgents, gave himself up to the authorities on Tuesday. He had been secreted, since the failure of the rebellion, in the wood near Beauharnois, and was in state of starvation, not having tasted food for several days.

From the Montreal Herald of Thurs-

Yesterday evening, about half-past nine o'clock, a most entensive conflagration was visible on the other side of the river, and, from the direction of the flames, and the reflection in the heavens, it is conjectured to be the village of Blairfindie. where there are extensive wooden barracks. Nothing is known of how the fire originated, or whether any troops are stationed there.

Within these few days past, there has been a plentiful fall of snow, and the streets are gay with carioles of every variety of description.—Ibid.

Five hundred and seventy-three persons have been committed to jail in Montreal for high treason, five of them only are from the United States .- Ibid.

From the Boston Commercial Gazette

Dec. 6. BILL JOHNSON. It appears that this noted freebooter of the lakes, has contrived to escape from the officers of justice, and probably has gone back to his gang, among the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. Bill Johnson is well known on both sides of mont, in which a Miss Munson re- crying children a screamin' your the St. Lawrence, and his name is fami-