

ment of Jamaica. . . . Garibaldi was born at Nice, Italy, and is fifty-four years of age. . . . Silk culture is becoming a very important part of the industrial pursuits of California. The climate, it is said, is well adapted to the culture of the silk worm. . . . The *Pittsburg Chronicle* says that many of the oil wells of the States, which have, for the last year, afforded such large supplies of excellent oil, have recently ~~stopped~~ <sup>run dry</sup>. The famous Crosby well has dwindled down from seventy barrels a day, to six or seven. This state of things has thrown the oil shares into a state of suspense. . . . In the sixteen years previous to 1815, there were 150 vessels in the British navy struck by lightning, upwards of 70 men killed, and 133 wounded; the amount of property destroyed was over half a million pounds worth. . . . A law has recently passed, says the *Albany Argus*, forbidding any person who has a wife, husband, child or parent, to bequeath more than half their property to any benevolent or other institution. Any gift of more than one half is void as to the excess above one half. . . . The Jeddo and Macao libraries in Japan, contain 150,000 volumes. . . . Mrs. Gell, the only child of Sir John Franklin, died last month in England. . . . An ærolite fell a short time ago near Delhi, in India, which buried itself four feet in the ground, and required ten men to lift it. The explosion was as loud as if all the magazines in India had been collected and blown up. Smaller bodies fell in other places. . . . The Prince of Wales has given two hundred pounds to each of the six Canadian colleges, making £1200 in the whole, besides numerous gifts to other institutions.

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### Profligacy among Youth.

We feel sorry to have to devote a portion of our space to the subject which stands at the head of this article; but, as a public journalist, we deem it a duty to call attention to any abuses or violations of the moral law, that may exist.

Idleness, profanity, sabbath desecration, drunkenness, and abuse of parents and old age generally, yelling and brawling about our villages and public places at night, characterise a large portion of our youth.

A short time ago, in one of our villages, we, in company with others, entered a school-house, to hear a lecture on astronomy. The lecturer had a large number of excellent maps placed on the wall, by which he illustrated, in a graphic manner, the details of his subject. During the lecture there were a few boys inside of the room, some of whom behaved badly; However, the inside annoyances were but trifling compared to those without: it was not enough to make all kinds of noise, but they threw stones and blocks of wood into the house, through the windows.

The Lecturer stopped, some of the audience remonstrated with them, but all in vain.