

The disturbances continue in many counties; but great activity prevails in swearing in special constables, and taking other means to secure the public peace.

Every thing in Europe has a most troubled aspect, and we really feel that our minds are made up for every thing, and that we shall be surprised at nothing. War, is the least of the evils that can spring out of such a state of conflicting events.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OF FEBRUARY NEXT.

The American Almanac just published contains a great variety of calculations relative to a great solar eclipse which will be visible throughout the United States on the 12th of February next. These calculations exhibit very minutely the path of the central eclipse, and of several of the digits and phases of the eclipse, at a large number of places in the United States. The path of the eclipse is still more clearly marked out upon the map of the United States, attached to the Almanac for the purpose.

The central eclipse will enter the United States from Mexico, and will pass through the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, the north part of Georgia, and South Carolina, North Carolina and the South-eastern parts of Virginia and Maryland: thence proceeding along the Atlantic at a distance of 50 or 60 miles from Long Island, it will pass through the South-eastern part of the island of Nantucket, and thence to Halifax in Nova Scotia. The unobscured parts of the Sun will present an annular appearance at all places within about 35 miles on each side of this track, and the ring will become more or less uniform in proportion as the place is nearer to the central track. The duration of the annular eclipse, will be a little over two minutes. The path of the annular eclipse will extend to the town of Chatham in the county of Barnstable, but to no other part of the continent in the New-England States, and to no part of the middle States except the southern extremity of New Jersey and Delaware.

The eclipse will begin in Boston at 11 o'clock 45m. 26s. A. M. The time of the greatest obscuration will be at 1h. 21m. 11s., the end will be at 2h. 46m. 48s., and the duration will be 25. 27m. 52s. The digits eclipsed will be 11deg. 17m. 27s.—*Boston Daily*

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CHILDRENS' DEPARTMENT.

THE EXCURSION.

(Concluded from last week.)

Do you remember little reader, how we left our friends the little travelers? They were playing about under the care of Jane, while their mother rested in the shade. Amelia jumped and ran, up one hill and down another, till she was soon hid from sight among the trees. Lucy for a little while tried to keep with her sprightly sister, but soon gave over in despair. From that time she and Emily were playmates, and soon contrived to try the patience of Jane very much. She, perhaps, was inclined to exercise the authority given by her mother with too much haughtiness; and her little sisters liking to have their own way, there was many a call to mamma to "See Lucy, how she behaved!" and, "look at Emily, how naughty she was!"

When rested, their mother arose to join them, and approached the spot where they were playing unperceived by them, as some rocks and bushes had formed a kind of screen, which concealed from sight the rock on which she had been sitting. Amelia she found missing—Lucy, cross at being left behind—Emily, angry at "her naughty sister Jane," as she called her; and what was worse than all, Jane weary of her charge, and speaking harshly to her baby sister. At the moment, however, she took no notice of these things, sorry as she was to observe them, but quietly called her little ones together, to return. "Look, children," she said "at the beautiful glow on those distant mountains! Come on,

the dark night will soon hide our path from us, and we may be unable to find our new home."

As they returned, their way lay along the margin of the brook. On the other side were rocks, and through a crevice in one of these there flowed a spring, clear as crystal, and cold as any ice water. Here Amelia overtook her sisters, but, from having been obliged to run so fast, in a very heated state. Her mother reproved her for her imprudent wildness, and would not allow her to drink until she had bathed her hands and face in the basin below the rock, and even then requested her to drink but sparingly. The little girl was very warm and very thirsty, and the water was so sweet and so refreshing, that forgetful of her mother's charge, she drank a great deal.

From the spring, the whole group walked very soberly homeward, and when they arrived, were very willing to retire to rest. Before they did so, however, in some serious conversation with their mother, she took occasion to tell them of what she had observed amiss in their behaviour during the walk. Jane was reminded of her promises, and that this was only the first day. Not willing to acknowledge her fault, she tried to justify herself by saying, "Her sisters were so provoking!" Her mother asked her if she remembered how often our Saviour hath commanded us to forgive our brother? and whether she could dare to pray to God to forgive her, while she kept anger against her sisters in her own bosom?" She soon seemed sensible of her fault, and sorry for it; and when, after prayers, they all retired for the night, each peevish little child had almost wisdom enough to feel that too much indulgence, in play or pleasure, never fails to bring on weariness and bad tempers.

The next morning had hardly dawned with the promise of another fine day, when every little eye was open, and all their evening's vexation forgotten. Jane was active in assisting her mother; but Amelia contrary to her usual manner, was very grave and silent. After their usual morning duties, their mother led them out to enjoy the freshness of the air and the beautiful spectacle (so new to them,) of the fields glittering with the dew. The gay Amelia strove in vain to keep up to them, and at length was forced to stop and tell her mother that she felt very sick. This of course alarmed them all, and they quickly returned home. Amelia was soon seized with violent retchings, so that the whole family were in much anxiety on her account. After many guesses as to the probable cause of her sudden illness, every one concluded that drinking so much cold water after the violent exercise she had taken in her wild and riddy conduct, the evening before, was the only cause of her sad sickness. What a punishment for her thoughtlessness in the first place, and, afterwards, her disobedience to her mamma's advice! Do you, my young reader, profit by the errors of this little girl, and be certain that punishment of some kind or other always attends disobedience. Adam was punished with death for disobeying God, and there are a great many threatenings in the Bible of the anger and wrath of God against disobedient children.

Many remedies were given to Amelia, and much was done for her, before she grew any better; and she remained quite unwell till late in the day. At last, however, being on the recovery, she leaned on her mother's arm, and slowly walked after her sisters, in their evening ramble. They all kept close together and enjoyed the beauty of the country, and the stillness of the twilight, even more than they had done the evening before. Much entertaining conversation passed, and their young minds seemed to feel the goodness and love of God to all his creatures, more forcibly whilst they were considering the beauty of his works. Even little Emily said, "The birds are singing their prayers, mamma, before they go to sleep;" while her mother kissed her, and said, "It was very true." They soon returned; and their peaceful tempers, and earnest prayers, furnished a happy contrast to the evening before.

Another bright morning dawned, and soon the little girls were up, and prepared to enjoy it. "Well children" said the mother, "this is our third and last day. Who is wishing to stay longer?" "Not I, Mother!" said Jane, "I think that when we have had the mountain ride you promised us, and have seen that pretty lake you have told us about, I shall be very willing to return." "And I too," said Amelia; "I have seen all the pretty places around us, and