

CROSS READINGS.

Lost, a lady's reticule, containing—a new dry goods store with a complete assortment of ironmongery.

A sweepstake will be run for over the Washington race course between—the members of the Pennsylvania delegation for the 10th Congress.

The Greek nation are said to be much dissatisfied with—a journeyman shoemaker who can bring good recommendations—by applying at the blacksmith shop, No. 2 Church street.

We understand that the elephant lately exhibited in this city, devoured at one meal—a new grocery store with an extensive assortment of glassware.

The child of Mr. —was made very sick by swallowing—12 dozen of Warrens liquid blacking just received.

For New York, to sail with the first wind—a two horse cart with harness complete.

Mr. McCready appeared in the character of Hamlet, and—recommended to the dealers in West India produce to stop purchasing.

Dr. T. professor of Anatomy, will deliver a lecture next Monday on the—most approved method of planting potatoes.

For sale, 20,000 best white oak staves—one to be taken every morning on an empty stomach; a certain sign for indigestion.

Late French writers state that drunkards may be cured by eating—14,000 pounds of raw silk just imported.

In order to comply with the regulations of the Post Office—1300 hogs passed through this place on their way to Virginia.

A two year old milch cow—has been unanimously elected colonel of the regiment of the flying artillery.

A gentlemen undergoing the operation of an emetic, to the surprise of his physician, threw up—the steeple of St. Paul's church which had been recently repaired.

COMPLIMENT TO CAPT. HUDSON, OF THE NIAGARA.—The British Government has directed its Minister at Washington to present to Captain Hudson, of the *Niagara*, a snuff-box and a medal, bearing the likeness of the Queen, as memorials of his arduous and successful exertions in laying down the Atlantic cable, "an enterprise," says Lord Napier, in his letter to Capt. H., "in which you became endeared to the officers of Her Majesty's Navy, your faithful associates. Her Majesty's Government will ever entertain a grateful recollection of the good service which you, and those under your command, have rendered to Great Britain, in connection with your own country, and they congratulate you on that manifestation of public respect and affection by which your conduct has been so justly rewarded." Captain Hudson, in reply, states that, when authorized by Congress, he shall "cheerfully accept these tokens with a grateful remembrance of the honor conferred upon me by Her Majesty's Government, and as cherished memorials of what England and America have done on that occasion (apart from selfish considerations) for promoting the best interests of the brotherhood of man."

THE OLD CANOE.

BY MISS EMILY R. PAGE.

Where the rocks are gray, and the shore steep,
And the waters below look dark and deep:
Where the rugged pine in its lonely pride,
Lies gloomily over the murky tide;
Where the reeds and rushes are tall and rank,
And the weeds grow thick on the winding bank:
Where the shadow is heavy the whole day thro'—
Lays at its moorings the old canoe.

The useless paddles are idly dropped,
Like a sea bird's wings that the storm hath lopped,
And crossed on the railing, one o'er one,
Like folded hands when the work is done;
While busily back and forth between
The spider stretches his silvery screen,
And the solemn owl, with his dull "too hoo,"
Settles down on the side of the old canoe.

The stern half sinks in the sliny wave,
Rots slowly away in its living grave,
And the green moss creeps o'er its dull decay,
Hurling the mouldering dust away.
Like the hand that plants o'er the tomb a flower,
Or the ivy that mantles the fallen tower;
While many a blossom of loveliest hue
Springs up o'er the stern of the old canoe.

The currentless waters are dead and still—
But the light winds play with the boat at will,
And lazily in and out again,
It floats the length of its rusty chain,
Like the weary march of the hands of time,
That meet and part at the noontide chime;
And the shore is kissed at each turn anew
By the dripping bow of the old canoe.

O, many a time with careless hand,
I have pushed it away from the pebbly strand,
And paddled it down where the stream runs quick—
Where the whirls are wild and the eddies are thick,
And I laughed as I leaned o'er the rocking side,
And looked below in the broken tide,
To see that the faces and boats were two,
That were mirrored back from the old canoe!

But now, as I lean o'er the crumbling side,
And look below in the sluggish tide,
The face that I see there is graver grown,
And the laugh that I hear has a sorer tone,
And the hands that lent to the light skiff wings,
Have grown familiar with sterner things.
But I love to think of the hours that flew,
As I rocked where the whirls their white spray threw
Ere the blossoms waved, or the green moss grew
O'er the mouldering stern of the old canoe.

ATROCIOUS OUTRAGE.—The parish of St. Jerome, ill-famed as it is for the Desforges murders, has just become the scene of a mysterious if not inexplicable crime. One night, last week, reports this morning's *Minerve*, four men, in grotesque disguises, entered a dwelling in that locality, where lived a couple, with their family of young children, forcibly seized the woman while in bed, and set her almost naked, in a vehicle drawn up for her reception, and drove her to a place some four or five miles distant, and put her, shivering with cold, into a stable, to pass the rest of the night. But, first, the villains tied the woman's hands behind her back, put a heavy collar round her neck, to which they joined a cord, and fixed her to the wall—brute fashion. They then retired; but one of the party, hearing the cries of the victim, soon returned, and made an attempt to tear out her tongue! but being scared by the approach of neighbors, the whole gang suddenly made off. The morning following, the owner coming to look after his animals, found the woman in a deplorable state; her face covered with blood, partly from wounds on hands and feet, partly through gore issuing from her mouth, from having bitten her tongue in desperate efforts to overcome the gagging appliances which the villain began, but had not time to finish. She was, of course, at once released, and taken home. It is not as yet known what motive led to the perpetration of this horrible outrage; but the officers of justice are now in pursuit of the parties, and we hope they will succeed in bringing the miscreants to justice.—[Montreal Pilot.

A MEDAL FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.—BOSTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.—A handsome gold medal, received through Lord Napier, by the Collector of Boston, has been duly presented, bearing the following inscription: "The British Government to Captain Charles Flanders, of ship *Onward*, of Boston, for saving the crew of the bark *Lady Campbell* in 1852"

HAMILTON POLICE.

Before G. H. Armstrong, Esq., Police Magistrate.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Henry Robins was charged by constable Ford with being drunk and disorderly, and also assaulting the constable and tearing his coat. The prisoner was fined \$10, and \$10 damages.

ASSAULT.

Edward Healy was charged by a colored man, named Henry Williams, with assaulting him and his wife while passing along King Street.

Constable Twamley witnessed the occurrence, and arrested the prisoner, who made great resistance.—Fined \$1.

KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

An old cripple, named John Goodwin, who resides on James Street, and whose domicile is daily visited by scores of persons—some of respectable appearance, and others quite the reverse—to have their fortunes told, was charged by Sergeant Kavanagh with keeping a disorderly house. On Monday night the officer heard cries of "Murder" proceeding from the house, and on going there found four females of abandoned habits, and some colored men, quarrelling.—Defendant was fined \$2.

Rufus Worthington, a colored man, who keeps the door, and takes the money from the visitors before introducing them to the "fortune teller," was charged by George Stanton with obtaining money under false pretences.

Complainant said he had visited the house in question several times, and became thoroughly convinced that the "fortune telling" was all humbug—hence the charge.

The Magistrate thought the charge was not sustained, and dismissed the defendant.

ROBBERY.

James McDowell was charged with stealing some pieces of flooring boards from a new building on Park Street, the property of Alderman Edgar.—Committed for ten days.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17, 1859.

Charles Sheoler charged with being drunk and disorderly on the street. Fined \$2.—Committed 20 days in default.

George Baller charged with being drunk on the street. Admonished and discharged.

George Fredenburg charged by Honora Crofton with being drunk and indecently exposing his person. Complainant failed to sustain her complaint and defendant was discharged.

FRIDAY, Feb. 18.

ASSAULT.

James Dalley was charged by John Penticoat, with assaulting him. Fined \$3.

A colored boy, named Francis Banks, was charged by Mr. Isaac Chilman with obtaining bread under false pretenses. The prisoner was remanded.

PIGEONS WANTED.

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