

THE BEWITCHED CLOCK.

About half-past eleven o'clock on Sunday night, a human leg enveloped in blue broad cloth, "might have been seen" entering Deacon Cephas Barbary's kitchen window. The leg was followed, finally, by the entire person of a live Yankee, attired in his Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes. It was, in short, Joe Mayweed who thus burglariously won his way into the deacon's kitchen.

bewitched and though many believed his version, some, and especially Joe Mayweed, affected to discredit the whole affair, hinting that the deacon had been trying the experiment of raising frozen cider, and that the vagaries of the clock-case existed only in a distempered imagination.

However, the interdict being taken off, Joe was allowed to resume his chattering, and won the consent of the old people to his union with Sally by repairing the old clock, till it went as well as ever.

Of the several foreign troops in course of enlistment by England, in a Swiss Legion, which we read is being "rapidly raised, not only with the assent but cordial co-operation of the Government."

THE ALLIES' CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

A letter from Vienna to the *Faurelandt* communicates the following as a more ample and correct version of the Austrian propositions than has yet appeared. It will be seen, that England and France are represented as having agreed to these propositions to the extent of annexing to them a codicil. The proposals contain:—

"1. The relinquishment of the Russian protectorate over the Danubian Principalities, and the conditions essential to securing a new order of things there. This difficult point, which is already in process of being carried out, is drawn up so decisively and so clearly, that in case of its acceptance, every prejudicial influence on the part of Russia, on the deliberation as to the regulation of the affairs of the Principalities is excluded at once. Russia is required simply to give her assent to the arrangements about to be made, without participating in any deliberation or in any resolution on the subject.

"2. Cession of a portion of Bessarabia, to such an extent that Russia would be not only removed from the delta of the Danube, but would have to give up her entire position on that river. The geographical line for the future Russian frontier is traced on a map appended to the papers, and according to that, the Russian frontier would be considerably thrust back.

"3. Neutralization of the Black Sea, without any Russian fortresses and arsenals on its coast; at the mouths of the Danube, however, there is to be a station for vessels of war of very small burthen, for the purposes of marine police.

"4. Common protection of the Christian subjects of the Porte.

All the above points have been proposed by Austria. The following have been added by the Western Powers:—Admission of Consuls into the harbours of the Black Sea, and an undertaking on the part of Russia never for the future to erect any fortification on the Aland Isles."

DAUGHTERS USE OF ARSENIC BY LADIES FOR THEIR COMPLEXIONS.—A correspondent of a daily paper in suggesting a probable explanation of the sudden poisoning case, discloses a secret and dangerous practice of ladies who are dissatisfied with their complexions. He says:—It would appear that the unfortunate lady, Mrs. Woolter, and her husband resided abroad for some years after their marriage; it was also stated by one of the witnesses, that she was a delicate-looking person, with a bad complexion. Now it is known that the solution of arsenic is much used by ladies on the Continent for removing eruptions on the face and skin, and for producing the brilliancy of complexion they are so ambitious to possess. The writer of this himself resided abroad for four or five years, and was assured, that this preparation of the poison in very minute doses is extensively resorted to by foreign ladies for the above-mentioned purpose. It is not, then, more than probable, that the foreign female acquaintance of Mrs. Woolter would impart this secret to her during her prolonged residence among them, and that she was afterwards induced to try its efficacy in restoring and clearing her own defective complexion? The continental ladies studiously conceal from the knowledge of their husbands, and observe this utmost secrecy in, their use of this dangerous specific.

GOOD HUMOUR.—Keep in good humour. It is not great calamities that embitter existence; it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the "minor miseries," that make the heart heavy and the temper sour. Don't let them.

The electric light was exhibited in Deal on Friday night, preparatory to lighting the whole town with it. It was successful, and gave great satisfaction to the inhabitants. It has a most transcendent and vivid appearance.

The Glasgow Sailors' Home, so praiseworthy by common consent, was first donated by Stevenson Dalgleish, Esq., but which required £2500 to complete it, has been favoured with a donation of £2000 by William Ewins, Esq., insurance broker.

From late American Papers.

The Canada, R. M. S., arrived at Halifax on the 18th inst. from Boston.

The New York *Herald* of the 13th supplies a fearful list of casualties—wrecks, &c.—caused by the late hurricanes, which appear to have swept along the entire range of the North-east coast of the United States. Vessels bound into New York seems to have suffered most; from the point of the "Hook" to below "Squan inlet," on the Jersey coast, eight vessels were entirely lost.

"The scene," says the *Herald*, "from the bank in front of the Broadway House, this morning, is terrible. The buildings partly blown down on all sides, the broken and caved banks, demolished bathing houses, &c., presented a perfect picture of ruin; but the worst feature is presented from the sea. At every moment some vessel heaves in sight, in various stages of disarrangement and dismemberment—with sails gone, rigging hanging loose, bulwarks stove, masts gone, &c., &c."

"It is a most surprising fact, that so far, we have heard of no loss of life in the immediate neighborhood. We have been able to procure intelligence of the loss of eight vessels along the upper coast, from the point of the Hook to below Squan Inlet. The severity of the gale, which began early on Saturday evening and continued through the night, gave reason to fear, that a very heavy loss of life had occurred in our immediate vicinity, as the offing, during all Saturday, was lined with vessels inward bound."

In Congress, affairs remain pretty much as at the date of our last advices. The House of Representatives remained unorganized, and business was, of course, at a stand.

Touching the "Foreign Enlistment" question, the Washington correspondence of the New York journals give somewhat contradictory accounts. One writer asserts that "President Pierce only awaits the organization of the House to send down a special *War Message*"; another avers that the matter is, to all intents and purposes, definitely settled.

The New York *Evening Express* contains the details of another outbreak of rowdyism, resulting in murder. Our readers have been made aware that Baker, the murderer of Poole, was acquitted, in the teeth of the clearest evidence of his guilt; the practical effects of this are now made evident—rowdyism reigns triumphant, and brutal murders are of nightly occurrence in most parts of the city (New York).

The heart sickens at the repeated recitals of heart-rending, horrible catastrophes on Railways which continually crowd the columns of our U. S. exchanges from all parts of the Union, involving fresh slaughter, even before the weeping and wailing of bereaved families have been hushed for the killed and wounded by some preceding catastrophe. The scene of the latest "Honorable Accident," as reported by the *Express*, appears to have been on the Hudson River Railway.

From California the news comes up to the 10th ult., including accounts of desperate battles between the Whites and Indians in Oregon. In an encounter near Walla Walla River, Capt. Bennet, Lieut. Burrow and three privates of the U. S. troops were killed and forty wounded. In another fight at Paget's Sound, Lieutenant Slaughter and fourteen men fell.

ROOF AVALANCHES IN BOSTON.—Snow slides were of constant occurrence during the thaw of Sunday, and the successive avalanches from the roofs resounded like the cannonading of "light brigades" in different parts of the city. Pedestrians were only safe in the middle of the street, where they met with another "peril," in the shape of miniature lakes, formed in the numerous deep cradle-holes not yet leveled by the Street Superintendent's ploughing operation.—The avalanches were a perpetual source of inconvenience and danger, and in a few instances did some damage. A heavy body of snow descended from the roof of Dr. Lowell's church, on the Lynde street side, and shot against the house opposite, breaking in the blinds and double windows of the parlor, but fortunately,

no one was injured. Another slide from the same church struck a house near Cambridge street, smashing in the windows, and nearly filling the front room with snow.

DIFFICULTY WITH AN ENGLISH MAN-OF-WAR.—An arrival from Bermuda brings papers to the 25th ult., from which we learn that the U. S. sloop-of-war *Cyane* had been to Antigua, to enquire into the taking of a colored seaman from an American vessel under pretence that he was a slave. A British sloop-of-war was in port at the time, and the report says, that on entering the harbor, the *Cyane* took a very menacing position in regard to her, and refused to salute the English flag until reparation was made for the insult offered to our government.

Interviews were had between the commanders of the two vessels—with what result is not stated—but it is said the question has been referred to a higher tribunal. The *Cyane* left Antigua, Dec. 16th.—*N. Y. Paper*.

According to a statement made by the New York Times, food is decidedly cheaper. Since the 25th of November, the price of ordinary flour, in the New York market, has declined 15 per cent notwithstanding that it is now the depth of winter and the canals are closed; whilst flour of the same quality is sold usually at one dollar per barrel lower than it was this time last year. The price of provisions and groceries is also declining.—*Hx. Recorder*.

A divorce was recently granted by one of the Courts of Indiana, where the only allegation against the defendant, was, that he had cold feet.

PRO-SLAVERY OUTRAGE.—The Louisville (Ky.) *Courier* gives an account of the infliction of the barbarous outrage of tarring and feathering upon a school teacher at Lexington, who it was believed, had written letters to the *Ohio Statesman*, in which the "peculiar institution" was not treated with proper respect. The name of the victim was J. Brady, and the outrage was inflicted during Friday night by a mob of two hundred persons. The following are the disgraceful particulars:

"He was conducted to the Court House yard, and there stripped. A large quantity of pitch had been prepared for the occasion, with the contents of several bags of feathers. The clothing was speedily removed from the body of Brady, and the pitch applied to the thickness of an inch. Then the feathers were nicely planted, and Brady's head shaved closely to the scalp, save two locks near the forehead. He was then set loose, and charged to go and sin no more. More severe punishment would have been administered, had it not been for the wife of Brady, a beautiful and estimable lady. Brady applied to a physician to remove the tar; but it was found utterly impossible. He left on the morning train for Covington the land of Republicans."

Such acts as the above partake more of the "code moral" of a land of pirates than of the amenities of a civilized community.—*Boit. Journal*.

We understand that the tavern keepers of Amherst have "struck" for license, during the recent sitting of the Court of Sessions, at that place. In Cumberland, as in many other counties, the Sessions have frequently, of late, refused to grant license for the sale of liquors; and this year, the "publicans and sinners," thought they would try what the effect of retaliation might be. They therefore, refused to "entertain" the Justices, Grand Jurors, and others whom business, pleasure, or custom had brought about the Court of Sessions. It is said that, before the first day closed, there were a great many hungry men and horses—and some thirsty ones too—in Amherst.—*ib*

Gentility is neither in birth, wealth, manner, nor fashion—but in the mind. A high sense of honor, a determination never to take a mean advantage of another, an adherence to truth, delicacy, and politeness towards those with whom we have dealings, are its essential characteristics.