

carry the whole of his therapeutical apparatus in the head of his cane. The lancet and opium are his great remedies.—*Observer.*

**EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENON.**—The *Journal de la Haye* published a letter from Cologne, describing a most extraordinary phenomenon which occurred on the night of Saturday the 19th ultimo, on the banks of the Rhine, opposite Unkel. A perfect volcanic eruption, preceded and accompanied by a subterraneous noise, which might have been mistaken for an approaching hurricane, has created a mountain (of fragments it is true) of from 180 to 200 feet in height. There exists on the spot referred to, a quarry of basaltic stone, used for paving the roads in the neighbourhood. A large plain extends between the Rhine and the quarry, which is traversed by the high road; this plain has been transformed into a mountain of ruins, and the road has been thrown at least 100 feet in the air. Nothing can be more terrific than the appearance of this mountain; it is a chaos, which represents marvellously the confusion produced by an immense mine which has been exploded. On the north of the quarry there exists a lofty mountain, which was cleft from top to bottom at the moment when the plain was raised into the air.

The Irish Relief Bill, for \$500,000, has not passed the Legislature of the United States.

The Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the validity of the State License Laws.

The flood of immigration looks formidable in the prospect. By the latest accounts we learn that Liverpool has 170,000 paupers, just arrived from Ireland and Scotland, and the citizens are petitioning Parliament for relief. Bristol has 70,000 of these visitors, driven over from Cork; Glasgow has over 100,000, and Greenock is overrun. The only remedy is to send them to this side of the Atlantic.

The planet recently discovered by Challis and Galle, in consequence of the calculations of Adams and Le Verrier, is to be called Neptunus with the trident for its symbol.

On the 17th December last, the Circassians gained a victory over the Russians on the coast of Abessia.

By the latest English papers we learn that the Pope preached a sermon lately, which had produced the deepest emotion amongst the people. It was the first time during the last 309 years that a sovereign pontiff had ascended the pulpit to address the people.

The Mail at the 4th ultimo, from England, was received early in the morning of the 23d.

On the 23d February, the budget was produced, and Sir C. Wood gave a financial exposition of the state of the country. No new taxes are to be imposed, and none remitted.

A new parliamentary election will take place before harvest.

Mr O'Connell, it is said, is fast dying. The state of his health prevents his removal to Ireland. His complaint is water in the chest, and dropsy in the legs; fatal complaints at his time of life. His span of life has already exceeded three score and ten; and the mental and physical tear and wear he has undergone, during the last forty years, show that his constitution must have been originally hard as iron, to resist the inroads of disease so long. Two things have enabled him to preserve health to this time, temperance and exercise. All excitement during life from fermented liquors, he studiously shunned; and whenever opportunity permitted, he indulged in as much physical exertion as time enabled him to command.—*Wilmer & Smith's European Times.*

The transportation system is to undergo a change. Convicts are not henceforth to be sent to the Australian Colonies, but model prisons and penitentiaries are to receive them, and the reformation, as well as the punishment of the criminal, is to be attempted.

There are twenty-four large steamers now constructing in the Clyde, beside other vessels.

A quantity of fine Pork was received in Liverpool, from New York, by the packet ship *Oxford*, and is now on sale in Manchester.

The *Great Britain* is now secure in Dandrum Bay, 5000 bundles of faggots having been so placed as to be an effectual break-water.

Every small farmer in Limerick County, who can muster £20, or even £10, is about emigrating to America in the ensuing spring.

In the House of Commons, on the 2d March, Lord John Russell announced that her Majesty had been pleased to call a council, to consider the best day on which to appoint a general fast and humiliation, on account of the present awful condition of

the sister kingdom. This announcement was received with credit satisfaction, by both sides of the House.

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