

THE GLEANER.

THE last surviving child of John C. Calhoun, the South Carolina statesman, died recently in that State.

A FRENCHMAN professes to have discovered evidence in Pekin to prove that the Chinese discovered American in the sixth century.

PROF. AGASSIZ's natural history school on Penikese Island has been completely abandoned, all the furniture and aquariums having been sold at auction on Thursday.

THE authorities of Richmond Va., have extended the hospitalities of the city to the widow and daughter of Stonewall Jackson for the 26th, when the statue will be unveiled.

THE Empress Josephine's residence near Paris, known as Malmaison, is about to be sold under the hammer. Napoleon III was said to have purchased the estate during his reign and restored it to the condition it was in when occupied by Josephine.

MR. WALTER, a Cincinnati scientist, has allowed himself to be stung once a day for three weeks by bees to ascertain the effect. He says after about the tenth time the pain and swelling were slight, the body seeming to become inoculated with the poison.

A WORKINGMEN'S excursion from England to America next year is proposed, leaving Liverpool early in June, visiting New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, Niagara Falls, and the chief cities of Canada, and embarking at Quebec for Europe about the middle of August.

THEODORE TILTON went to the Parker House in Boston on Friday of last week (which was his fortieth birthday and the twentieth anniversary of his marriage as well), and occupied, by a singular coincidence, the same room in which he was installed on his wedding day twenty years before.

GENERAL Joseph E. Johnston has at last put an end to that story about himself and the Khedive's army. He writes to a friend: "I am very sorry to say that the Khedive has not made me the magnificent offers reported by some Southern editors, nor do I know if he is still appointing Americans in his army."

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON during his life received a twig taken from the willow which bends over the grave of Napoleon Bonaparte on St. Helena, which he planted in the garden of his late residence, and which has now grown to a stately tree. A twig from this tree will be planted over the grave of Mr. Johnson, on Johnson's Hill.

THE means of boring through the mountains have been greatly perfected of late years. The boring of the Mount Cenis Tunnel advanced at the stage of four yards a day; that of the St. Gothard now goes on at about ten yards daily, and will be completed, according to contract, by the 23rd of August 1880. The total length of the St. Gothard Tunnel will be 13,044 yards.

THE fourth centennial anniversary of the battle of Morat, in which Charles the Bold lost his life, is to be celebrated on the 22nd of June 1876, by the Swiss, the Alsations, and the Suabians. A procession is to revive the costumes and arms of the period, displaying on the field of battle itself the banners of the towns, districts, abbeys and corporations which took part in the engagement.

EMIGRATION is diminishing from Scotland, as well as from England and Ireland. In the seven months ending the 31st ult, the number of emigrants who set sail from the ports on the Clyde was 12,250, as against 17,500 in the same period of 1874. The falling off is mainly in the Canadian and United States traffic, the sailing to New Zealand and Australia being very similar to those of last year.

At the funeral of his favorite daughter the Khedive distributed among the crowd 450,000 pieces of silver coin, from one to five piastres each. Upon the lid of the coffin the jewelry of the deceased, valued at 3,000,000 florins, was exhibited. Twenty-four buffaloes were killed by the priests before the Mosque Rilah at Cairo, roasted and eaten, and then 3,000 priests said prayers by the tomb for seven days.

MR. J. R. NEWLANDS recommends that each large passenger ship should carry a small but powerful steam-launch, to go a few hundred yards ahead of it in foggy weather, after the fashion of a pilot engine on railways. The launch is to be connected with the vessel by a rope and a telegraphic wire, so that signals may be interchanged as necessary. It is to be provided also with very powerful fog-horns and lights; and, above all, these precautions are not to exonerate those aboard the larger vessel from taking the ordinary steps to avoid collision and other dangers.

DID it never strike you how characteristic of each nation are its forms of salutation? The Italian says, "Come stai?" and "Come va?"—"How do you stand?" and "How do you go?"—because you stand? and an Italian is well, he stands naturally, when an Italian is well, he stands easily and moves easily. The French says, "Comment vous portez-vous?"—"How do you carry yourself?"—for a Frenchman always wishes to make an appearance and an impression as to his deportment. The English, who are essentially an active and doing people, engaged essentially in business and always at work, say, "How do you do?" while the German, who is generally wandering in a maze, and whose intellectual tendencies are vague and metaphysical, asks, "Wie befinden Sie sich?"—"How do you find yourself?"

ROUND THE DOMINION.

Josh Billings lectured in Montreal last week. A new seam of coal has been discovered in Cape Breton.

The new Knox college was opened in Toronto on the 6th.

Jacques Cartier Bank bills are now being taken at par in Montreal.

The people of Windsor are banishing American silver from that town.

The 28th of October will be Thanksgiving day in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Nearly 85 miles of one of the sections to Manitoba of the Pacific Railway are graded.

It has been found necessary to reduce the time of the employees of the Grand Trunk to four days a week.

The fifth daughter of Sir Hugh Allan was married, on the 6th, to Mr. Alfred White, of Quebec.

The late gale that visited the Maritime Provinces did considerable damage on the Newfoundland coast.

The annual Convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant teachers was held, last week, at Quebec.

All the Judges of the Supreme Court will be required to reside permanently within six miles of the Capital of the Dominion.

The Government decline to concede the request of the people of Winnipeg in reference to the Red River crossing of the Pembina Branch.

The British and British American Orders of Good Templars have united. The name of the new Society is "The United Temperance Order."

Distress is looked for among the fishing population of Newfoundland during the coming winter, on account of the small yield from the fisheries.

Several steamboats and other craft, in Ontario, have already gone into winter quarters, and have had their hands discharged, owing to the dullness in the business generally.

The disappearance of Mr. Hoskin, night editor of the *Toronto Mail* is causing considerable commotion in Toronto. His body has been found drowned in the bay.

Some rascals in the West have been resorting to the trick of changing the figures on Dominion Bank bills from ones to fours. The fraud is easily detected, as there are no Dominion Bank four dollar bills.

The opening of the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway to Woodstock was duly celebrated in the latter place on the 6th. Hon. Mr. Mowat and several leading public and railway men were present at the demonstration.

Small meetings have been held in Manitoba, and annexation to the United States proposed because the Federal Government have refused the request of the people of Winnipeg in reference to the Red River crossing of the Pacific Railway.

FOOT NOTES.

THE Queen has presented Mrs. Kingsley, wife of the late Canon Kingsley, with the use of a handsome suite of apartments in Hampton Court Palace.

FRANCIS DEAK, who was at one time so seriously ill, has so far recovered as to be able to resume his seat in the Hungarian Parliament, and to take part in the debates.

THE death is announced at Vernon of the inventor of the apparatus commonly known as the siphon, by which aerated waters are so easily used. He had acquired a large fortune.

THE Empress Eugenie is said to have recently asked Marshal MacMahon to be allowed to pass twenty-four hours at Paris in the strictest *incognito*. She is said to have received a categorical refusal.

BISHOP DUPANLOUP, who, after the election of M. Litré, to the French Academy, declared that he would no longer remain a member of it, has resumed his attendance at its sittings and will take part in the election of a successor to Mr. Guizot.

FIVE years ago Conductor McKinney of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad was given a thousand-dollar bill by a sleepy passenger for fare. He took it into the baggage car to change it, and upon returning the passenger denied having given it to him, claiming to have handed him a ticket. McKinney put the money in a savings bank, where it still remains. The story has often been told in newspapers, yet no claimant has been discovered.

AN extraordinary event occurred the other day to a dweller in the Rue Audran in Paris. For the last fourteen years a woman living in that street has been believed to be a sufferer from dropsy. She has had all the symptoms of that disease, besides the extraordinary swelling or inflation of the body. A few weeks since she went to Burgundy to make a visit, and while there she felt indisposed. At the end of a few days she experienced the pangs of child birth, and gave birth to a dead child. The child was of the ordinary size, but its teeth and nails were full grown. The body has been sent to the Academy of Sciences. This birth, after a fourteen years period of gestation, is not unparalleled in France. In 1822 a lady died at Pas de Calais, who had believed herself to be affected with dropsy for seven years. An inquest was held, and the body of a child, completely ossified was discovered.

HEARTH AND HOME.

OCCUPATION FOR CHILDREN.—The habits of children prove that occupation is a necessity with most of them. They love to be busy, even about nothing, still more to be usefully employed. "Idleness is the mother of mischief." Children should be taught to be as independent of the services of others as possible, fitting them alike to make a good use of prosperity, and to meet with fortitude any reverse of fortune that may befall them.

WOMAN.—Shrink not from a woman of strong sense; for if she becomes attached to you, it is from seeing and reviewing different qualities to yourself; you may trust her, for she knows the value of your confidence; you may consult her, for she is able to advise, and does so at once, with the firmness of reason and the consideration of affection; her love is lasting, and it will not have been lightly won; for weak minds are not capable of the loftiest grades of passion.

MISCHIEF-MAKERS.—How calm the mind, how composed the affections, how serene the countenance, how melodious the voice, how sweet the sleep, how contentful the whole life is of him that neither deviseth mischief against others, nor suspects any to be contrived against himself; and contrariwise, how ungrateful and loathsome a thing it is to abide in a state of enmity, wrath, dissension; having the thoughts distracted with solicitous care, anxious suspicion, and envious regret.

LIFE IS SHORT.—Such is the complaint of almost all men who consider existence in reference to the use they do make of it, and not to that which they ought to make. It is indeed short, if it be only computed by its agreeable moments. If all the hours passed in pleasure were collected together, a life of a great number of years would scarcely furnish one of a few weeks. The reason why life is short is that we either employ it in doing nothing, or in doing what we ought not to do. On this head there is an admirable maxim—"Would you live long, live well."

WOMAN'S CHEERFULNESS.—Concerning nothing do we come to more false conclusions, and make more false steps, than concerning woman's cheerfulness. Ah! how many women are there who pine unknown, despond smiling, and wither jesting; who, with bright, joyous eyes, flee into a corner, as if behind a fan, that they may right gladly break out into tears which oppress them; who pay for a day of smiles by a night of tears—just as an unusually transparent, clear, and mistless day surely foretells rain.

SINCERITY is the most compendious wisdom, and an excellent instrument of the speedy despatch of business; it creates confidence in those we have to deal with, saves the labour of many inquiries, and brings them to an issue in a few words. It is like travelling on a plain, beaten road, which commonly brings a man sooner to his journey's end than by-ways, in which men often lose themselves. In a word, whatsoever convenience may be thought to be in falsehood and dissimulation, it is soon over; but the inconvenience of it is perpetual, because it brings a man under an everlasting jealousy and suspicion, so that he is not believed when he speaks truth, nor trusted, perhaps, when he means honestly. When a man has once forfeited the reputation of his integrity he is set fast, and nothing will then serve his turn, neither truth nor falsehood.

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

THE STRONGEST KIND OF A HINT.—A young lady asking a gentleman to see if one of her rings would go on his little finger.

AN Aberdeen girl supposes that the reason she has never kindled a flame in any man's heart is because she is not a good match.

A YOUNG man boasted that he had a well-stored mind, whereupon a young lady murmured, "What a pity we can't find out where he's stored it!"

"MINNIE, I'm in such a quandary; for if I turn my back on Charley he becomes offended at once, and if I don't, he can't see my new buckle. What shall I do?"

"THE first step toward wealth," says an exchange, "is the choice of a good wife." And the first step toward securing a wife is the possession of good wealth.

A PAIR of stairs that ordinarily are as solid as a rock will straddle in the joints and creak and crack together with all the fervor of a thunder clap when a husband attempts to climb them noiselessly late at night.

She used to keep bits of broken china and crockery piled up in a convenient corner of the closet, and when asked her reason for preserving such domestic lumber, she shot a lurid glance at her husband, and merely remarked: "He knows what them's for."

AN old bachelor, upon reading that "two lovers will sit up half the night with only one chair in the room," said it couldn't be done unless one of them stands or sits on the floor. And such painful ignorance pretty plainly indicates that he has never been there.

TOO GOOD-LOOKING.—A young married lady being applied to for a situation by a servant-girl, she asked, "Why did you leave your last place?"—"Why, you see, ma'am," replied the girl, "I was too good-looking, and when I opened the door the gentlemen always took me for the missis."

VARIETIES.

LAST year 1,746 wives and 4,492 children of British soldiers were compelled to petition the State for bread.

GOLD garter buckles, upon which there is a delicate spray of flowers, in stones of suitable colour, or the owner's monogram, is the latest in that line.

THE Czar Alexander has presented Marshal MacMahon with a chest of magnificent tea imported from China, by way of Siberia, and which cost 200fr. per pound.

TWENTY cigars a head is the number annually manufactured for every man, woman, and child in the United States. Forty years ago two was the allowance.

Two antique chairs, one formerly in the possession of Louis XVI., and the other brought from Venice in the seventeenth century, were sold at Boston, lately, the former for \$13.50 and the latter for \$17.50.

M. THIERS has had the way made smooth for him in front of his residence in Paris. Lest the noise of passing cabs should disturb his venerable slumbers, the municipality have had the rough stone pavement removed and smooth cement put in its place.

JOHANNA von Bismarck, who is to marry the Count Wend von Eulenburg, is her father's favorite child. She is described as retaining—although twenty-eight years old—her "lofty, elastic bearing," and as indicating on her pale, passive countenance "a grave, deep feeling of interior life."

THE French connoisseurs maintain that an English dinner is positively indecent and immoral. A huge chunk of bloody roast beef, carved by a lank, lynx-eyed Englishman, a mass of plum pudding, solid enough to mow down a regiment, form a spectacle, they say, to frighten the gods, and one which suggests the shambles.

A sample of condensed milk, weighing about one cwt., has been exhibited at the rooms of the Society of Arts, and an interesting experiment made thereon. This mammoth piece of solidified fluid was prepared by Hooker's process. It had been exposed to the action of the air for four years and three months, yet its quality was still so excellent that in a few minutes it was resolved, by churning, into good fresh butter.

FREE morals are on the increase in Berlin. In 1857 the number of women placed under the supervision of the police was 11,379; in 1869 this number had risen to 23,466, and in 1870 to 73,706—shame, poverty, misery, and finally death being the fate of these unfortunates. Out of every ten marriages nowadays a divorce takes place; while money is the great ruling power, and greed and fan are the two objective points of Berlin ambition. Such are the ethics governing the new German empire, according to slightly jealous Bavarian philosophers.

AN extraordinary instance of the remarkable productive qualities of some of the American varieties of potatoes has just occurred in the gardens at Capestone, the seat of Mr. William Bromley-Davenport, M.P. One pound of Snowflake has produced 638lbs., and one pound of Eureka 1,022lbs. This is the greatest weight recorded as having been grown from one pound of seed, and exceeds by 64lbs. the greatest grown by the Americans in their great potato trial of last year, when Mr. H. C. Pearson, of Pitcairn, N. Y., headed the list with 1,018lbs.

ARTISTIC.

THERE are 400 drawing schools in the little kingdom of Wurtemberg.

CONSTANT MAYER, the artist, has a new picture called "The Song of the Shirt."

THE fund for an equestrian statue of Gen. Lee at Richmond now amounts to \$20,000.

A memorial window to Bishop Berkeley in the new chapel at Yale College is being discussed.

MISS THOMPSON, the painter, is going to India. She intends painting pictures in commemoration of the mutiny on the spot where the scenes occurred.

DORÉ's labour is incessant. He is now engaged in sketching another mighty picture of a Scriptural subject, intended for next year's Paris Exhibition.

GALLI's bust of Michel Angelo, unveiled during the solemnity of the great Centennial celebration in Florence, was highly praised by the many thousands present.

ERNEST LONGFELLOW, the eldest son of the poet, is about to publish a number of etchings of remarkable American scenes, and his father contributes to the volume verses descriptive of each.

THE marble monument over the grave of Edgar A. Poe in Westminster churchyard, Baltimore, and was erected last Friday. It stands some 16 feet high and has a bas-relief medallion of the poet.

PROFESSOR JACOMETTI, director of the Vatican museum, some time ago made a life-size bust of the Pope, and it is now on exhibition in Philadelphia. The bust is so tinted that it bears a close resemblance to flesh and seems to present the Pope in his own person.

THE monument which is being erected at the School of Fine Arts to the memory of Henri Regnault, the young painter who was killed during the siege of Paris, was solemnly inaugurated on the 14th of October, in presence of Marshal MacMahon and M. Wallon, Minister of Public Instruction.

It is announced that the discovery of an authentic portrait of Joan of Arc, by the Scotch painter Power, has been made by a Parisian amateur. A commission has been named by the Minister of Fine Arts, in order to examine the portrait, which, if genuine, as stated, will be immediately acquired by the Louvre Museum, and will occupy an important place in its galleries.

DOMESTIC.

BOILING FISH.—Fish is exceedingly insipid if sufficient salt is not mixed with the water in which it is boiled; about four ounces to one gallon of water is enough for small fish in general; an additional ounce, or even more, will not be too much for codfish, lobsters, &c.; and salmon requires eight ounces. To render the boiled fish firm, add a little saltpetre to the salt: a quarter of an ounce is sufficient for one gallon.

POTATO CUTLETS WITH TOMATOES.—Cut some small slices of cold mutton; spread mashed potatoes nicely flavoured with pepper and salt on each side of them, and fry a nice light brown. Then take some ripe tomatoes; remove their skins by plunging into boiling water, when the skins will become loose, and peel off easily; stew the tomatoes in a small saucepan, and break into them one or two eggs—one egg to four large tomatoes—stirring the mixture well round until it is of the consistency of scrambled eggs. Pile up the tomatoes in the centre of the dish, arranging the potato cutlets around it. These should be of a golden brown colour, and the tomatoes of a bright pink.