



TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE REJECTS A PATHETIC APPEAL.

		Man's Age.	
1	Th	Frederick William of Prussia declared himself King of Hanover, 1806.	27
2	F	Copenhagen bombarded, 1801.	28
3	S	Richard Cobden died, 1865.	29
4	S	<b>Low Sunday.</b> —1st Sun. aft. Easter	1
5	M	In 1763, several gibbets, standing in the Edgware Road, London, were taken down.	2
6	Tu	Badajoz taken by Wellington, 1812.	3
7	W	Prince Leopold born, 1853.	4
8	Th	Lieutenant Davis fired a pistol at Lord Palmerston in the War-Office, 1818.	5
9	F	Lord Lovat beheaded, 1747.	6
10	S	Chartist demonstration in London, 1848	7
11	S	<b>2nd Sunday after Easter.</b>	8
12	M	Rodney's Victory, 1782.	9
13	Tu	After much opposition, the Roman Catholic Relief Bill passed, 1829.	10
14	W	<i>Toussaint L'Ouverture b.</i> , 1745.	11
15	Th	The Duchess of Kingston was convicted of marrying two husbands. She pleaded the privilege of peerage, and escaped the punishment of burning in the hand, 1776.	12
16	F		13
17	S		14
18	S	<b>3rd Sunday after Easter.</b>	15
19	M	Lord Byron died at Missolonghi, aged 36, 1824.	16
20	Tu	First action between the British and Americans (the latter defeated), at Lexington, 1775.	17
21	W	Miss Blandy executed at Oxford for the murder of her father, 1752.	18
22	Th	Shakespeare died, 1616.	19
23	F	"He was not for an age, but for all time." BEN JONSON.	20
24	S		21
25	S	<b>Fourth Sunday after Easter.</b>	22
26	M	(Princess Alice Maud Mary (second daughter of Queen Victoria) born, 1843.	23
27	Tu	Sir Sidney Smith taken prisoner by the French, 1796.	24
28	W	Test Act was repealed in 1828.	
29	Th	The National Debt amounted to £146,000,000 in 1762. In 1862 it was nearly £800,000,000.	
30	F	Battle of Fontenoy, 1745.	

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

New Moon	.. 6th, .. 36 min. past 6 morn.
First Quar.	.. 12th, .. 33 min. past 9 night.
Full Moon	.. 20th, .. 30 min. past 4 aftrn.
Last Quar.	.. 28th, .. 17 min. past 7 even.

Reference to Illustration.

TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE—a celebrated negro chieftain, possessing as a soldier indomitable courage, and as a ruler and statesman, profound sagacity and wisdom—was born at St. Domingo in 1745. Very little is known respecting the first years of his life, except that they were passed in slavery upon the estate of Count Noe, whose agent, a M. Bayon de Libertas, noticing the extraordinary intelligence evinced by the young slave, taught him the rudiments of education.

On the night of the 22nd August, 1791, a long-meditated and secretly organised revolt broke out among the negroes of St. Domingo, having for its object the total extirpation of the white population, and the establishment of an independent native government over the entire island. One of the principal promoters and leaders of this vast conspiracy was Toussaint L'Ouverture, whose abilities eminently qualified him for the position. So great was the secrecy, and so general the dissimulation of the slaves, that the impending and awful catastrophe was not in the least suspected by the European proprietors; and when the explosion broke out, it was so sudden and dreadful, that nothing like it had ever before been seen in the world's history. Simultaneously thousands of fires broke out on the beautiful plains in the north of the island, and the labours of a century were destroyed in a few hours; while the negroes, with ungovernable fury, fell upon their masters, and massacred them with their families—in many instances throwing them into the flames. Neither age nor sex was spared; and the awful spectacle was seen of negroes marching with heads of infants on their spikes; whilst it was a common practice to violate the females, and to saw asunder the bodies of their male prisoners.

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