private letters brought by the French brig Le Mercuz. at Penascola:

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Our Array.—The Washington Union states by authority, that the present military establishment of the United States can in no event be increased without the previous legislation of Congress; and, of course, there is no epecial appointments to be made milifiest authorized by law. The militia only can be called out in aid of the regular army, as now by law establishment. It seems to us that tois condition of things makes it imperative on the President or call Congress together upon the first hostic act on the part of Mexico. The whole army of the United States, all told, announts to only about six thousand man, and these are scattered from one end of the Union to the other, and far into the Indian wilds west of the Mississippi. Not more than half this force can with safety be sent to Mexico; and sunch a force, any man of sense will admit, is totally incompenient to the necessities of such a war. A correspondent of the Norfolk Herald, says—

"I have learned that the Mexicans have an army of quite 20 000 men. No doubt our people think that 1500 men are swiftinent to eat up Mexico, castles and all but it will be found that the drilled Mexican moldiers are anything but contemptible force. The greatest source of apprehension to our army, however, is from the Camanche Indeans, a fierce and warkled This in the very heart of Texas, and excited against us they would prove a most distressing enemy."

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Now if war must come, most sincerely do we hope that our government will take hold of it in current, and finish it; and not by any of the half-way measures of the last war, with occasional defeat and disgrace. Our government has money and credit!!! Mexico has neither. There is no reason under heaven why the contest should not be bro't to a speedy end, by the triumph of our arms. But a hesitating policy will protract it needlessly, increase its expences, infliet a heavier loss of life, and prolong all the evils which follow in its train. Let Congress cause the enlistment of thirty thousand are at once, and make the term of enlistment read "atting the war." Then there will be no need of reermis, or of change, or of employment of raw troops after a sufficient number of men are drilled into service. Pay the soldiers well, with ready wages and bounty lands, and there will be no difficulty in getting such a set of men together as will whip the Mexicans "all to picces."—Esston paper

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We have understood that house ashes, spread on the hills around the vines, after they have grown a few inches from the ground, is not only a remedy for the blight, but greatly facilitates the growth of the potatoe on some soils. It is very casy to make the trial.—Boston Daily Mail.

Ira A. Brunson, Esq., formerly of Meadville Pa., in the Wisconsia Herald, undertakes to show that Mr. Whittey's plan for a railroad to Oregon, cannot succeed, and endeavours to show the loan asked manificient to build the road by the trifling sum of forty millions of dollars. He proposes that Congress shall grant a strip of land thry miles wide, the whole length of the road, and when completed the road shall be owned jointly and equally the Government and the builders.

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The Springfield, Mass, Mutual Assurance Comoany, require every house they may be reafter insure to be furnished either with a scuttle in the roof, or a addor attached to the house.

EXTERPRISE — The steam Mill of Messre, Rankin Forguson & Co. Bathurst, was burnt down on the 17th of April last; its re-crection was commenced on the 12th day of May, and it was in full operation on the 12th instant; the whole having been finished in three meants.

Tonowro, August 12.—Sir Allan Macnab passed through this city for Montreal, on route for England yesterday, on business connected with the "Great Western Railway Company." Mr. Widder, the commissioner to England for the Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Company, bas already left, and we understand that he and sir Allan are to cross the Atlantic by the steamer from Boston on the 16th.

Sir Allan Napier Maenab. of Dundurn, having heen appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England the Earl of Zeiland, to the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master for Upper Canada, over the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, working under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England; the ceremony of installation took place at Hamilton, on Saturday last.

The Americans have six hundred whale ships in he Pacific Ocean, valued at more than twenty mil

Mock Ancion—Good.—At the door of one of the general awindling shops in Broadway, our Vigilant and determined Mayor has placed a couple of the star police, to warn all persons from entering there. The cause of this move was that about forty dollars had been paid at that establishment, by a greenhorn for a brass watch, and the auctioneers refused to give up the money, when it was demanded by the officers. They accordingly were stationed there for the purpose above mentioned, and on Saturday evening were still there. We understand that legal proceedings have been instituted against the proprietor of one of these establishments, on a charge of swindling. This is encouraging. Our worthy Mayor will receive the thanks of all our respectable critizens, if he follows up his determination to root out these nuisances from our city.—New York Herald.

Something Extraordinary.—A young Apple Tree in Mr William Greenslado's Orchard, Springfield, grafted on the 10th May last, has at present five Applea on it with every appearance of growing to at his

"It has a strange jarring on the ear,
This cocking of a pistol a few yards off or so,
Especially it you we a former friend for foe.
But after being fired at once or twice,
The ear becomes more Irish, and less nice."
It is indeed a nice point, this pointing of a pistol at a man's brains, especially if the man should be more "professional" than 'belligerently' inclined—And we agree in toto with Sir John Falstaff, that the better part of valour is discretion. In this we are joined, cordully joined we may say, by one of the most aspiring logal lights of modern days. It is meeting to make a hold attack; it shows ralour, but it is quite another thing to make a good and an homourable retreat:—how for this has been effected in a recent case in this city, it is left for the Court of Honour to decide. We opine the Lodger has