

of peace and safety. No great evils to annoy, no dangers to dread, a steady progression experienced, and a future teeming with improvements anticipated.

**UNITED STATES.**—The crops in the West are represented as very abundant. Second crops of apples were gathered in some places. A great abundance of produce was experienced in Maine. Another *American Slaver*, the schr. Butterfly of N. York, arrived at N. York, recently, from Sierra Leone, prize to H. M. brig Dolphin.

The Hungarian Singers, four in number, were exhibiting in Boston, and giving much delight by their exquisite performances.

A Boston paper announces that several cases of small pox were in that city, and urges the necessity of inoculation or vaccination, on the citizens.

A Committee had been appointed, by the American Institute, we believe, to test the merits of Life Boats. This Committee made a report which contains some interesting facts, we subjoin extracts:

The men were transferred, four persons, to Francis' large Life Boat, measuring 20 feet long, 5 feet beam, with stationary Trip cylinders; her power is computed to sustain 3,500 lbs. iron, or dead weight, 230 persons. After placing the boat in a suitable position regarding depth of water, etc. etc., an attempt was made to upset her by her crew of four persons, in which they failed. One other effort was directed to be made to upset her which was successful, but immediately on relinquishing their hold, she righted with a celerity of motion that proved beyond a doubt its great buoyant principles.

If this boat ship a sea, or otherwise fill, there are six openings in the bottom to let the water out, viz: four scuttles, 13 inches by 5, and two brass crew boxes, opening two 4 inch holes, which it is said will relieve her in two minutes. While the men are inside and the apertures are open, allowing a full flow of water in and out of the boat, the oarsmen propel the boat with the same velocity as though she was tight.

Francis' Life Boat was invented in 1816, and an improvement made by him in 1837, consists in adding to the number of sections of copper cylinders, charged with hydrogen gas and atmospheric air, together with the construction of the cylinders adapted to the form of the boat; if by a shot, one or two sections on both sides of the boat are perforated, sufficient buoyance will be left to sustain all that may be required for boarding, or any exigency, as their are eight sections on either side of the boat.

The first Life Boat of which your committee have any knowledge, was constructed by Mr. Greathead, in England, in 1740. She had 700 lbs. of cork. The whole buoyant power of Greathead's boat was around the top, which, when upset, prevented her righting. Another objection to her was, that as soon as the cork became saturated with water, it lost all its buoyant quality, and when thus saturated was subject to rapid decay.

An improvement in Francis' Life Boat was introduced after the loss of the steam boat Home, in 1836, which was, to run his copper cylinder, charge with hydrogen gas, through the inner surface of his boat to the gunwale. Previous to this time his principal buoyant power was near the gunwale, which prevented her turning back when upset.

Mobile had been placed under martial law, and many arrests had occurred on suspicion respecting the late fires. The health of the city had not improved, owing, it is thought, to the fatigue and exposure and anxiety occasioned by the conflagrations.

Sickness had declined in New Orleans, but several attempts had been made to set fire to the city.

A man named Michael Walsh was killed by one of the locomotives on the Harlem Railroad, on Nov. 4th. He and others, were walking on the track, and getting confused on the alarm being given that the engine was approaching, he jumped in the way instead of the reverse, and was crushed to death.

An accomplished coiner, a professed Dentist, was recently arrested in Cincinnati. He dealt in Mexican and Spanish dollars, and five dollar pieces, and did something beside in the note line.

The New York Gazette plainly shows that it is electioneering times in that commercial emporium. Scarcely a paragraph in the paper but what boils over with the usual zeal, and the catch sentences of the lines are visible wherever you turn. The string of missiles opens with, "your last chance, Whigs,"—"for the sake of free institutions throughout the world do your duty to-day." Next,—“If the Whigs are not willing to live under the domination of the Goths and Vandals they must go to the polls,”—"if at sundown this evening you are debarred from the privilege, (of voting) let the world know it." Then, "there is a deep game of iniquity playing in the Whig wards." "Arouse for the struggle to-day, bring up the old guard,"—"Strain every fibre of your strength to the utmost tension, and to-morrow this paper will tell you, that your country is safe," &c., &c. Thus it works, after the manner of Sterne's barber, who would not say, try the wig in a pail of water, but, dip it in the ocean and it will not lose a curl. Our republican neighbours, not only move their own world energetically, in their elections, but sometimes, either forget the rest of the world or think the whole is engaged looking on at them.

The U. S. Gazette mentions an invention which promises to be very useful. It consists of water wheels placed at the locks of canals, on which the water running to feed the lower levels acts, driving "endless wires" which are attached to the canal boats, and draw them from lock to lock. The plan goes by the name of wire ponies.

An Albany paper remarks, that the last three years war with

England cost the U. States about \$90,000,000, while the three years war with the Florida Indians cost nearly half that sum. The former was with the most powerful nation in the world, and resulted in some credit to the Republic,—the latter has been with a remnant of a poor tribe, and a few run away negroes.

The whigs, it appears, have lost the elections in New York. The Siamese Twins, it is asserted, have commenced farming, in company, in North Carolina.

*Mulum in Parvo.* A modest professor of New York, purposes to teach "the whole circle of 52 Arts Sciences and Languages" etc. in a few lessons each,—by means of systems whereby more knowledge is acquired in one year than in 52 on the old plan, and at one twentieth the expense!" the school master appears to be indeed abroad, for his beats home hollow. The next American improvement may be to fill a horn with learning, and blow it into a disciple's head at one heat.

Intelligence from Vera Cruz states that the French brig Naiade had just received on board the last instalment, amounting to £150,000, due by Mexico to France.

A very severe gale of wind was experienced at Buenos Ayres on Aug. 28. Several men were lost from the shipping. A large schooner of the French Blockading Squadron went down at her anchors, with all hands. There did not seem to be any prospect of a speedy arrangement between the State and France.

It is said, that the French Government intend to occupy the whole coast of the Mediterranean; an expedition was in progress against the Bey of Tunis. This potentate is called on to give up his frontier fortress, and pay the full arrears of tribute formerly paid to the Bey of Algiers.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—Doctor Grigor continued on Phrenology last Wednesday evening. The lecture comprised a further view of the advocates and opponents of the Science, and of the vast body of facts which has been accumulated as the foundation and the proof of the system. After the reading of the lecture, the Doctor explained the organs etc. of Phrenology, pointing out many peculiarities on numerous cast and skulls with which the lecture table was furnished.

We expect to commence publishing the Doctors Lectures, in the Pearl, week after next.

Doctor Tenon lectures on next Wednesday evening. Subject, Saline Substances.

**THE FIRST SNOW OF WINTER**, has not, this season, quickly followed "the last rose of Summer." We have enjoyed a splendid Autumn and Fall, and on many days of the past week parlours were endurable without fires. Last night, "silent and soft," the feathery shower descended, and this morning the peculiar garb of winter, half an inch thick, made a not unpleasing novelty to schoolboys. They could scarcely glean a snowball however, for by the time breakfast was over, the mild temperature was quickly dissipating the visiter, and by noon not a flake, except in some cold nooks, or on the Dartmouth Hills, was visible.

**STEAMER.**—The Hon. Samuel Cunard arrived last evening in 20 hours from St. John, N. B. by way of Windsor. A paper which was received by the same route, and with which Mr. Keefer has favoured us, contains resolutions passed at a special meeting of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce St. John, on Nov. 15. The resolutions speak in terms of high eulogium of the enterprise of Mr. Cunard, in connection with the Atlantic line of Steamers, and thank him for his public services. Mr. Cunard returned a suitable answer.

Mr. Whitney's steamer, North America, has commenced running to Boston.

**MARRIED.**

Last evening, by the Rev. J. Martin, Mr. James Halliday Parks, to Miss Mary Lowe, both of this place.

On Saturday evening last, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. G. T. Ellis, to Miss Eliza C. Davis, both of this town.

On Saturday evening, by the Rev. John Marshall, Mr. Abdiel Kirk, to Margaret, daughter of the late Francis Mulock, Esq.

On Monday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr George Edward Pace, to Miss Elizabeth Lintop, both of this town.

**DIED,**

At New York, Oct. 11th, after a severe illness, Mr. Charles H. Haverstock of Halifax, in the 24th year of his age, youngest son of the late Mr. Alexander Haverstock of Sackville.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Ann Ritchie, Matron of the Poor's Asylum.

At Upper Canada, Joshua McRae, son of the late Alexander McRae, of Halifax, N. S. in the 35th year of his age.

On the 7th of October, at his residence, Pittferrane, Fife, Admiral Sir Peter Halkett, Bart. G. C. H. aged 74 years.

**SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.**

**ARRIVED.**

Sunday, Nov. 17th—Schr's Eagle, Wilson and Hazard, Crowell, St Stephens, N.B.; schr Hazard, Potter, Boston, 8 1-2 days—flour and cornmeal, to J. Esson and others; Am. brig Harrietta, Clements, Yarmouth, 22 hours, to T. Bolton; brig Lady Chapman, Gilbert, Kingston, Jam. 28 days; Am. brig Echo, Stephens, Philadelphia, 6 days—

flour and bread, to R. Noble and others; schr Forrest, Doane, New York, 20 days, raisins to Creighton and Grassie; Amaranth, Coffin, Berbice, 36 days, rum, to D. & E. Starr & Co. put into Barrington 10th inst. and landed Capt. Coffin, sick; left brig Industry, Lovett, to sail in 3 days for Yarmouth.

Monday, 15th—Schr. Rifleman. Power, New York, 7 days, beef, pork, etc. to S Binney and others; Hugh Gorman, St. John's, N.F. 14 days, dry fish, etc. to J. Allison & Co. left schrs Harmony and Nine Sons for Halifax.

Tuesday, 19th—Schr. Mary, Argyle, dry fish; brig Flotilla, Thompson, New York, 5 days, rice, flour, etc. to Frith Smith & Co.

Wednesday, 20th—Govt. schr. Victory, Darby, Yarmouth, 36 hours; barque Diamond, Rees, Demerara 26 days, left Corsair, Trial and Mary Ann of and from this port; brig Florence, Ryder, Alexandria, flour to G P Lawson; schr Friendship, Doane, St. Stephens, 3 days, shingles; brig Leslie, Gault, Londonderry, 54 days, ballast, bound to St. John N. B. lost foremast and mainyard on the 1st inst.; schr. Eleanor Archibald, Sutherland, Boston, 5 days.

**CLEARED.**

Thursday, 21st. schr Ion, Hammond, St. John, NB. rum, sugar, etc. S N Binney, and others; Betsy, Graham, Pictou, general cargo; Am. schr Helen, Drew, Petersburg, US. coal, by S Binney; brig Hypolite, Morrison, St John, N.F. general cargo.

**AUCTIONS.**

**BY DEBLOIS & MERREL,**

To-morrow, Saturday, at 12 o'clock, at Collin's Wharf,  
**TO CLOSE SALES,**

**7 hhds. Bastard Sugars,**  
**9 PUNS. HIGH PROOF RUM,**  
Nov. 22.

**SCHR. PACKET.**

**BY J. H. REYNOLDS,**

On Brown's Wharf, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

**The Cargo**

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**Beef, Pork, Butter, &c.**

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Oct. 11. —2m. J. M. CHAMBERLAIN.

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Oct. 18. —2w **ROBERT NOBLE.**

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October 4. **CHARLES KEEFLER.**