

that rapidly rising port, which, with respect to traffic, is already considered the ninth port in the world, as the commerce in one year (1846) was estimated at £14,500,000. The Austrian Lloyds at present consists of two sections—the Lloyds proper and the Steam Navigation Company. The Lloyds proper has three departments:—The first is the management of a splendid establishment appropriated for the meeting of merchants, shippers, &c., connected with which there are reading-rooms supplied with upwards of 200 newspapers and various ship-lists of remarkable accuracy. The second department is the United Insurance Office, in which the several Trieste Insurance Companies participate. The third department is that of the newspapers, of which the Lloyds, having correspondents in all parts of the world, publish a German and an Italian newspaper four times a week. They are esteemed on the continent the most influential organs of political economy, commerce and navigation, and are distinguished by a strenuous advocacy of sound free-trade principles, which has already operated to a certain extent against the high prohibitive system of Austria.

“There is a printing-office, in which are three large steam and fifteen Stanhope presses, all busily engaged by the intellectual activity of this modern queen of the Adria.

“The second section of the Lloyds—the Steam Navigation Company (which is the leading party in promoting the acceleration of the Indian Mail)—has a capital of £300,000 in 6,000 shares of £50 each. In the month of May, 1845, his I. R. Majesty the Emperor of Austria was pleased to grant to this Company the privilege to be considered a branch of the I. R. State Post Establishment, with exemption from all taxes, dues, &c.”

*Hunt's Merchants' Magazine* for July. New York: F. Hunt.

OUR Transatlantic contemporary maintains its ground in public estimation from the novelty and importance of its articles on commercial affairs. There is an excellent paper on the Hawaiian kingdom, by Mr. Jervis, editor of the *Polynesian*, which we shall endeavour to republish shortly, although we have previously gone over much of the ground in the sketches by Mr. Wylie published in our *Magazine* in 1845.

The want of a more direct postal communication seems to be much felt, and the vast increase of the trade of the Sandwich Islands, connected as they are with the whale fisheries, gives them a greater importance.

Upwards of 5,000 dollars, it is said, are now annually expended by the Government and merchants in forwarding their letters through Mexico. Were a good mail route established by the United States, to and from the kingdom to the United States, at least 10,000 dollars postage might be annually counted on from this quarter. The operations of the merchants are frequently much embarrassed for want of a proper and safe communication with Europe and the United States.

*Adventures on the Western Coast of South America and the Interior of California*, &c. By John Coulter, M.D., Author of “*Adventures in the Pacific*,” &c. 2 vols. 1847. London: Longman and Co.

The author before us, although very superficial in his sketches, forms a pleasant gossiping companion, in giving us amusing accounts of his rambles through the wilds and fastnesses of California, and glimpses of savage life and scenery in many of the islands of the Pacific Ocean. “Moving accidents by flood and field,” whale-fishing, tiger-hunting, bear-hunting, and battles with the natives form the staple subject-matter of the volumes.

We have recently been treated to so many works on the islands of the Pacific, by Melville, Sir George Simpson, and others, that we are becoming almost as familiar with the manners and customs of our antipodean brethren as with those of our continental neighbours.

The good ship “*Stratford*,” Capt Lock, on board of which the Doctor is located, is a whaler, and we are introduced to him in the first volume, on the vessel's voyage to Tahiti from the Georgian Islands. Dr. Coulter leaves her at Tacames, and with an Indian guide, named Jack, proceeds to explore the interior. The Doctor's medical services seem to have been frequently called into request; and at a little village named Tolo, situate between Esmeraldas and the city of Quito, where the only emblem of his profession that he carried about him was a lancet, he was called upon to open veins indiscriminately; had he been disposed to settle there he might soon have