

MISCELLANEOUS.

Colonial Timber.

The Importation, Consumption, and stock on hand, of Colonial Timber and Deals,—Liverpool Market, Great Britain, range as follows:—

Years.	Importation of Timber.	Importation of Deals.	Consumption of Timber.	Consumption of Deals.	Stock of Timber.	Stock of Deals.
1851—	6,857,000	6,853,000	8,821,000	6,228,000	3,805,000	2,974,000
1852—	6,457,000	8,070,000	7,720,000	7,560,000	2,542,000	3,484,000
1853—	7,652,000	10,542,000	6,809,000	9,000,000	3,385,000	5,026,000
1854—	7,394,000	8,894,000	6,936,000	9,575,000	4,343,000	4,325,000
1855—	6,147,000	11,262,000	7,032,000	10,175,000	3,458,000	5,422,000
1856—	6,574,000	12,039,000	6,297,000	10,882,000	3,735,000	6,579,000
1857—	6,269,000	9,220,000	5,936,000	10,699,000	4,018,000	5,100,000
1858—	5,710,000	9,112,000	6,402,000	10,631,000	3,326,000	3,581,000

NOVEL READING.—“The strongest objection that can be urged against novels, is that they exhaust the sympathies without eliciting corresponding action. What can you do for an innocent young woman with whom a rascal is running away, as fast as the printed pages will let him? Simply nothing, unless you serve an injunction on the book and stop the career at once of the rogue and the romance. All sorts of villany are going on exactly under your nose; widows bewitched; orphans robbed; grandmothers murdered, and you not so much as permitted to cry fire, or call a policeman!

People die who never lived, and you attend the funeral as chief mourner; lovers part who never met, and your eyes are dim with rain. But in this you have felt abundantly, and acted not at all. You have done nothing for the best reason in the world: there was nothing to be done. Like a ship with your top-hamper tumbled on deck, your rock at your anchors and never make a voyage.

Just so it is with young men; their companions tell us what their characters are; if they associate with the vulgar, the licentious and the profane, then their hearts are already stained with the guilt and shame, and they will themselves

become alike vicious. The study of bad books, or the love of wicked companions, is the broadest and most certain road to ruin that a young man can travel, and a few well directed lessons in either will lead them on step by step to the gate of destruction. Our moral and physical laws show how important it is to have proper associations of every kind, especially in youth. How dangerous it is to gaze on a picture or scene that pollutes the imagination or blunts the moral perception or has a tendency to deaden a sense of our duty to God and man.”

FRUIT TREES ON THE ROADSIDE.—Writing of trees reminds me of another peculiarity of this country, from which “Young America” might learn an important lesson. Along the public roads, for hundreds of miles, are rows of fruit trees, unprotected by ditch, hedge or fence; yet the ripe fruit may hang in profusion on their boughs, or cover the very roadside, and not an apple or pear will be purloined, not a cherry twig will be broken. Frequently some poor man buys the fruit of one or more trees for a season. All he must do to have it sacredly respected is to bind a withe of straw about the trunk in token of ownership.

It is not enough that we have