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PARAGRAPHS.

[From British Papers.]

A Sixth Continent.—An extraordinary phenomenon, presented in the Southern Ocean, may render our settlements in New South Wales of still more eminent importance. A sixth Continent is in the very act of growth before our eyes! The Pacific is spotted with island through the immense space of nearly fifty degrees of longitude, and as many of latitude. Every one of these islands seems to be merely, a central spot for the formation of coral banks, which, by a perpetual progress, are rising from the unfathomable depths of the sea. The union of a few of these masses of rock shapes itself into an island; the seeds of plants are carried to it by the birds or by the waves; and, from the moment that it overtops the waters it is covered with vegetation. The new island constitutes, in its turn, a centre of growth to another circle. The great powers of nature appear to be still in peculiar activity in this region; and, to facilitate the process she sometimes takes the assistance of the volcano and the earthquake. From the South of New-… to the 27th of the Sandwich … the waters absolutely teem with … seats of civilization. Still, … the coral insect, the diligent builder … is at work; the … with myriads of … ; and when the … shall have excluded … the dominion …

Tides.—According to recent and accurate observations the tide-wave travels … far, a distance of nearly 5000 miles, in the incredibly short period of twelve hours, which is at the rate of above 400 miles an hour. The same wave requires twelve hours to reach Edinburgh from Gibraltar, a distance of about 1900, and proceeds with a velocity of 160 miles an hour; whereas that from Edinburgh to London, only 500 miles, requires the same time of twelve hours, and goes at the rate of 42 miles an hour. These retardation in the rate of velocity of the tide-wave are occasioned by the obstruction it receives from the coast it comes in contact with. At Liverpool, it is found that a fall of one-tenth, of an inch in the barometer raises the tide, one inch, which is a beautiful illustration of the law of gravitation.

Mr. Boydell, of Dee Cottage, near Chester, has invented a locomotive engine, which, when fixed to heavy waggons, &c will propel them on common roads, at a very rapid rate. It was exhibited on Tuesday, and elicited the strongest approbation from many scientific and practical men, who witnessed the trial, and minutely examined the machinery. It is applicable to ploughs, which it propels with great ease and velocity.

A farmer, in the neighborhood of Chalons, has lately found, on grubbing up an old oak-tree, a vase, containing a collection of at least 200 medals in silver, the whole more or less corroded. The oldest are of the year 217. They bear the effigies of Caracalla, Heliogabalus, Gordien, third Philip, father and son, Otacile, the wife of Phillip, Trajan Dece, Herennius, Hostilianus, Treboni an, Galle, Volusian, Emilian, Valerian, Gallian, Salonina his wife and Saloninus his son. From all appearances this treasure was hid during the latter years of Gallian, for amongst these medals, there are several which were struck by order of Gallian, in honor of his son Saloninus. Two amongst them, which represent the apothesis of Saloninus, are stated by the Numismatists to be very rare.

Slavery in the French Colonies.—In the French Chamber of Deputies, June 19th, the question of the abolition of slavery in the French colonies was revived, incidentally to the colonial budget, by M de Tracy, who demanded that some measure of emancipation should be immediately brought forward by the ministry, whose apathy on this topic was highly culpable. The hon. deputy declared that in his opinion the continuance of negro slavery was a disgrace to the civilization, the morality and the honor of France. The minister of the marine took upon himself the task of replying to the proposal of M. de Tracy, by observing that the number of negro slaves, whose emancipation was demanded, was 271,000—the price of whose freedom, if purchased at the same rate as had been paid by England, would involve the nation in an expense of 271 551.000 francs (11.000 000*l.* nearly); and unless the chamber were prepared to lay that additional burden on the people, the question could not usefully be agitated. The minister added that the result which England had obtained by the emancipation of her slaves had been any thing but satisfactory.

Philosophy of the Nursery.—The exercise of the hobby-horse is pernicious to health, because the head of the rider being farthest from the centre of motion, the blood is propelled thither by centrifugal force, and, accumulating, produces dizziness, and leads to apoplexy. The common rocking cradle is unhealthy from the same cause; for the head of the child being raised on the pillow, is further from the centre of motion than the rest of the body; and, therefore, as before, the blood, from the motion of the cradle, will have a tendency upwards. Swings and swinging cradles, are, on the contrary, favourable to health, because in them the head is nearer to the centre of motion than the other parts of the body, and the blood will consequently have a tendency from it.—*Lee's Catechism on Natural Philosophy.*

Taking Bees in the East Indies.—A large swarm of bees had fixed their abode on the ceiling of a verandah, and in due time, when their honey was deposited, we wished to collect, but were for some time at a loss for means. Hearing, however, that there was a gardener who possessed a peculiar art of doing it unhurt, he was sent for, and desired to bring down the honey. I watched him very closely through the whole process, and was told by him, and believe, that he used no other means than the following: He took some of the plant called *tootsy*, and rubbed it over his body, face, arms, and hands; he then chewed a little, and held a sprig of it in his mouth. With no other than this apparently slight defence, he mounted a ladder, a dish in one hand and a sharp knife in the other; and though as thinly clad as his class usually are, with thousands of bees swarming about his naked body, he, with the greatest sang froid, cut immediately through the upper part of the comb, where it was suspended to the roof, and receiving the whole of it on his dish, brought it down … without … the … of botanists. Its aromatic odor is perhaps the strongest there is.—*Addison's India Reminiscenses.*

An Extraordinary Wager.—The following bet has just been made at one of the clubs between three sporting characters, well known in the fashionable world, for a considerable sum; whichever of the three gains the most money under the following arrangements to be the winner:—One of the party undertakes to drive a coach for a period of six months, to and from any town he may choose to fix upon; the second to promenade England as a melodist; the third is to perform in tragedy or comedy at any theatre in England, Ireland, or Scotland, he chooses. We have heard that the latter is to make his *debut* at Brighton.

Last week a beggar cased in seven stone of rags was arrested, for insolence in the exercise of his profession. On being searched, there were found on him bank checks and gold and silver to the amount of £438. The magistrates treated him to a new suit of clothes at his own expense, as his former habiliments were intolerable. He is a perfect miser, and is named Robert Forrest or Ferguson.—*Fife Herald.*

The inhabitants of the Faubourg Saint Antoine have, for the last two days, noticed a great number of foreigners directing their steps towards the Cemetery of Pacpus. These pilgrims are Americans, visiting the tomb of General Lafayette. It will be remembered that he was buried there on the 22d of May, 1834, and in conformity with his dying request, his remains covered with earth brought from his beloved America.

Mank's Superstition.—On May-eve the people of the Isle of Man have from time immemorial burned all the whin bushes in the island, conceiving that they burn the witches and fairies, which are believed by them to take refuge there. After sunset, the island presented the appearance of a universal conflagration; and to the stranger, our customs must appear most strange, to see old and young persons gathering peculiar herbs, and placing them at their doors and in their dwellings, for the purpose of preventing the entrance of 'warlocks.'—*Mona's Herald.*

The keeper of the State Papers, on examining some of the papers of the reign of Elizabeth, lately discovered some in the handwriting of the Queen, and marked 'the Thirde Booke.' On carefully searching further he found the papers of four other books, which turn out to be the translation of 'Boëtius de Consolatione Philosophiæ.' Nearly the whole of the work is in her Majesty's own handwriting.

Last Saturday, a rehearsal took place at the Royal Amphitheatre, for the performance of the 'Elephant of Siam.' During the rehearsel the Elephant from the Zoological Gardens was brought on the stage to perform his part. After having done this, he espied the prompter's book on the table, and began to mark its contents; but, thinking it better inwardly to digest the whole, in order, no doubt, to be comple e master of his part, to the no small astonishment of the assistant he swallowed the book.

The board of Guardians have determined to abolish the use of the treadmill which has been hitherto used for the paupers to work on in Balcamp workhouse, for which reason they have ordered it to be sold by auction.

Singular Propensity of a Cow.—A person on Thursday se'nnight on his way from Bishop's Castle to the town, observed a cow milking herself. She was afterwards observed sucking several other cows; and the owner, Mr Cleaton, a respectable farmer at Cothercote, was informed of the fact. The disclosure explained to Mr Cleaton's dairymaid the reason why the other cows, for several weeks past, had rendered scarcely any milk except in the morning of each day.—*Shrewsbury Chronicle.*

Collecting the 'Rint' in London.—Yesterday, Bridget Sheen, a brazen negative of the first gem,' with a fine young *pisant* in her arms, was brought before Mr. Hoskins at Marylebone Office, by Pearson, an officer belonging to the Mendicity Society, charged with practising her vocation as a beggar. Mr. Hoskins: What have you to say? Bridget: Say yer honour—why I say I've been taken up unlegally; I wasn't begging at all. Mr. Hoskins: Pray tell me what you were about then? Bridget: I was only collecting a little *rint*. Mr. Hoskins: Rint! What do you mean by that? Bridget: Boderation! Won't I be attempacipating yer honour's mind upon the subject? Well, then, without any gammon. I owe me landlady three weeks rint, and I know I couldn't pay the same; she treatened to turn me and me innocent baby out o' doors into the wide world, yer honour; and so I was collecting the rint among to, satisfy me landlady, when the bobbier came upon me and dragged me before yer honour. Pearson: It is not her own child.—Mr. Hoskins: Why, this … to say such a thing. Why, I … by-and meself are as much alike as two … naes is a pod, barring one's green, and the other a little gray. Mr. Hoskins: you are an old offender, and will go to the tread mill for a fortnight. Bridget: An old offender! And so I s'pose yer honor sends me to the mill to be ground young and biznocent again. Why don't you look arter the great big countryman of mine, who is a much older offender in the line than meself, if you talk of old offenders, and pockets the rint without fear of the mill. But there is one law for the rich beggar, & another for the poor one, it seems, and that's all the poor craters have got by manicipation, which in plain English manes the treadmill. Bridget was then removed.—*Herald.*

A Hamburger has just made a bet at Antwerp, says a Belgian journal, that he will live for a year on the Scheldt, at a part called Vlaemschen Wal, in a barrack which will drift with the ebb and flood of the tide. He will live only on fish, excepting a pitcher of water and a loaf of bread, which are to be brought him every day. The bet, which is for 700 reichsthalers (4046 fr.) has been accepted by an Englishman.

A weaver, named Florence, of Verviers, in his 18th year, has just finished the manufactory of a pair of pantaloons with pockets, buttons, all complete without a single stitch, every part being woven. This curious specimen of industry will be sent to the next exhibition at the Louvre.

A very curious discovery has been made on the coast of the Cotes du Nord. The violence of the gale on the 4th carried away an immense quantity of sand, and thereby discovered a submarine forest, a quarter of a league in extent, situate between the great and little Rosaire, and which is even presumed to extend as far as Bonnic. The wood, which is reduced to peat, is principally oak; an ancient tradition exists in the neighborhood, that a forest which existed on the spot was overwhelmed by the ocean some three or four hundred years ago.

Such is the great thickness of the chalk formation on the left bank of the Seine, that in boring for water they have reached the great depth of 1200 French feet, which is equal to 1300 English without success. If they persist in boring, and get down to 2000 feet, the water will come up at a heat of thirty-five degrees, so as to supply the warm baths without fuel.

CONGRUITY OF TASTE.—The courtship of the last but one Earl of Pomfret and the heiress he afterwards married was conducted after the following fashion:—'Do you like buttered toast?' 'Yes.' 'Buttered on both sides?' 'Yes.' 'So do I; dont you think we had better be married?' 'Yes.' The lady's fourth 'yes' was pronounced before the altar.

…mense number of eggs continued at Ramsgate from France … stonishing. Scarcely a day … it does not witness the arrival … more vessels laden with them, … carefully packed in long wood… …put on shore there, examined … custom house officers, and im… shipped for London by the … this manner upwards of twen… are constantly employed.

[Chronicle.

Wake.—One Sunday when that … Christian the Rev Sir. H. Mon… minister of Bakford, the pre… …ne to church with the back … his large curled wig turned to the … of his head. The minister … the 71st psalm to be sung, be… at the 7th verse. When the … stood up to sing the first line … ins 'To many I a wonder am' … could not help looking and … at him. Sir Henry, observing … which the people's eyes were … looked over the pulpit, and; … mistake, gravely said, 'And … n are a wonder to many, turn … ide of your wig foremost.

Glasgow Courier.

OF A GOOD CHARACTER.—… …rry sessions, a short time since … Salter, a man of independent … living at Clapham, was indicted … dealing an album, the property … Laurence, a general dealer, in … St. Lambeth. The prisoner, … customer at the prosecutor's … was suspected of purloining some … articles in the course of his deal… …boy was placed to watch; and … seen to take a small screw driver … pocket-knife; & place them in his … The two articles were found … possession; and, on examination … lodgers house, an album was … discovered belonging to the prose… Several witnesses, amongst … were professional men, attended … purpose of giving the accused … benefit of an excellent character; … they returned a verdict of acquittal.

From the Boston Herald.

THE CHASE.

…ble ship of 600 tons was on her … passage to India, with a valua… …and American goods … discovered … a press of canvass … bearing down upon the Indiamen—the … experienced eye of the captain instantly … enabled him to determine that she was … a small sharp schooner—an acquaintance … with which would not be desirable. He … had few arms and although his crew … were true as steel, they were not able to … contend with a well armed pirate. The … ship was therefore put away before the … wind, and every rag of canvass packed … upon her that she could bear. The eyes … of the Captain rested for a while on his … bending masts covered with canvass to … the very trucks—was then turned upon … his gallant crew, who collected, having … entire confidence in his skill and courage and at last settled long & steadfastly upon the chase. She gains—she … gains—and there are yet many hours of … daylight. A ship has the advantage of … a small sharp craft with flowing sheet;—… but yet she gains. The danger is pressing, … is imminent and lo! a new and terrible … enemy appears, far to leeward—a black … cloud rises slowly from the horizon and … gives but too surely an intimation of … what may shortly be apprehended.—… The ship cannot shorten sail—for the … chase will be upon him—and the Captain's plan was instantly laid. Every … man was ordered to his post. The … heavens grew more portentous every … moment—but the pirate did not start a … tack or sheet, as the captain hoped he … would and allow him to gain a little before the tempest came up. The wind … freshens and the masts yield to the tremendous pressure which they have to … sustain the teeth of the stoutest seamen are … set firm in the apprehension, that they … will go by the board. The steady eye … of the Captain is fixed upon the gathering tornado—at last it comes—the ocean … in the distance is white with foam, & he … who was before so quiet and unmoved, is … now animated to tremendous exertion. … 'Let go all fore and aft,' rang out clear … and loud, clew up and clew down, lay aloft,' were orders which followed each … other in quick succession; and were as … quickly obeyed, the flapping sails are … rapidly secured; the wind lulls, the … tornado is upon them, taking them aback, … the ship falls off, she bends to the gale, … until her yard arms are in the waves, … she begins to move through the water … with a constantly accelerated motion.

The pirate with the quickness of perception so common among men of their class instantly comprehended his advantage. He was near two miles dead to leeward of the Indiamen which made greater headway under her bare poles than he did, the hurricane could not last long, he would therefore be on board of her when it passed over, and she must then fall an easy prey to him.

The Captain of the noble merchantman saw it all, there was but one fearful way to escape. He had a gallant and staunch ship under him, she had not yet sprung a spar, nor split a sail, he had an extremely valuable cargo, and his men, he could not bear to see them strung up to the yard arm on the principle that 'dead men tell no tales,' he therefore set his foretopsail and close reefed maintopsail, which urged his ship through the water with great velocity. The little black pirate saw the plan and attempted to make sail, but all would not do, and he saw that his only chance for safety, was, if possible to elude the shock, at the very moment of the expected concussion.

The ship came down upon him with terrific precision. 'Hard to port,' shouted the pirate to his helmsman. 'Hard to port,' echoed the merchantman to his. One tremendous crash—one wild shriek of despair—and all was hushed in death.

CAPE COD.

The editor of the Boston Gazette has been on a visit to Provincetown, the very top end of Cape Cod, and he thus speaks of that jumping off place:

Provincetown is situated on the margin of a beautiful little harbor of circular form described by the sandy curve of the cape. It is thus protected from the surf, and has a southwestern aspect. The town and adjacent country present the appearance of a cluster of sand hills, or rather drifts, fancifully thrown up as it were by the wind, and somewhat resembling immense snow banks. Not a tree is visible from the harbor, and the only vegetables that relieve the eye, are here and there 'hammocks' of green shrubbery, comprised mostly of whortleberry bushes. As the steamer could not approach the wharf, a portion of the passengers landed in boats. We found the houses arranged pretty close together, and they appeared as though they had been placed down gently on the sand without much regard to regularity of streets. Under foot all over the town, there was nothing but loose sand, in which you would sink ancle deep at every step, with here and there a single board extended along the middle of the street for convenience of walking. This board was a great relief. Eight years ago a steamer for the first time touched at the place—the Bangor was the second appearance there of such a spectacle—it was expected that such a vessel would excite some curiosity and that the natives would have presented themselves on the wharf. But with the exception of … was there. We passed through … densely settled part of the town to a … hill in the back ground, and in this route we saw neither man, woman or child. In short the population were as shy as partridges, and all betook themselves to their … coverts. We saw a church and … grave yard, which in connection with the apparent utter lack of population conveyed the idea that the people were all dead. Coming back, in some few of the houses, we now and then saw the inmates peering at their visiters through the windows but scarcely an individual was seen out of doors. Whether there are accustomed to keep housed all day from the sun, and aloof from the parched sand—whether they are usually so shy of strangers, or whether they supposed that we had some sinister design against them, we do not pretend to decide. We state these facts to illustrate their habits. The town contains nearly 2000 inhabitants, and they are said to carry on a thrifty business in making salt and in the fisheries. We saw great numbers of boats engaged in catching mackerel and lobsters, and half of the area of the town is covered with salt vats.

'Clam Bake,' 'Steamer,' or 'Bake Out.'—There is an Indian Feast, quite common on the sea shore, that is known by either or all of these names. The Barnstable (Mass) Patriot says it is got up in this wise:

'It is prepared by first laying a bed of stone six or eight feet square on which a fire is built and kept burning until the stones are red hot, a layer of wet sea weed is then thrown upon them and upon the sea weed a layer of quahaugs or clams. Over these is placed another layer of wet sea weed; on this layer, fish is laid stuffed and wrapped in cloths; & after another layer of sea weed vegetables may be put, or they may be placed between the fish and quahaugs. Over the whole is thrown a thick layer of sea weed which keeps in the steam which is generated by the heat of the stones, and which thoroughly penetrates the whole mass. In a short time the 'bake' is opened and all the culinary preparations are found completed to a charm and ready for the table. In this way and with little trouble or time, a rich feast may be served for a large company. The Indians doubtless prepared their public dinners in this … mary mode, and it it is from them that their white brethen are indebted for this art in cookery. There is another way for preparing shell fish, probably derived from the same source, that is common on festive occasions in the villages on the south side of this town. It is called the 'roast nut' and is prepared by placing a large quantity of clams or quahaugs upon the ground, joint downwards, and placing over them some light dry brush, which is set on fire and soon causes the clams or quahaugs to open their wide mouths just far enough to secure the prize within, without losing the delicious water. They are then taken up and are ready to serve. Thus a very large party may be provided with a dish of clams or quahaugs at the shortest notice and in the most primitive style.'

There was a boy in my class at school (says Sir W. Scott) who stood always at the top, nor could I, with all my efforts, supplant him. Day came after day, and still he kept his place, do what I would, till at length I observed that when a question was asked him, he always fumbled with his finger at a particular button in the lower part of his waistcoat. To remove it therefore, became expedient in my eyes; and in an evil moment it was removed with a knife. Great was my anxiety to know the success of my measure, and it succeeded too well. When the boy was again questioned, his finger sought for the button, but it was not to be found. In his distress he looked down for it; it was to be seen no more than to be felt. He stood confounded, and I took possession of his place; nor did he ever recover it, nor ever, I believe, suspect who was the author of his wrong. Often in after life has the sight of him smote me as I passed by him; and often have I resolved to make him some reparation, but it ended in good resolutions.—*Lockhart's Life of Scott.*

The Montgomery Alabama Journal of the 12th instant says—'A negro belonging to a gentleman of this place returned to his master, on Sunday evening last after an absence of twelve years.—He states that he was enticed away by a white man, who carried him to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been living ever since as a *free man*, and in a most miserable condition; and he has now voluntarily returned to his owner, fully satisfied of the *humbuggery of Abolitionists' declarations.*'

BRITISH GUINEA.

From a gentleman lately arrived from Demarara, we are informed that the small pox, which had been prevalent some months since, was entirely extinct, but that Typhus Fever and Yellow Fever had prevailed to a considerable extent. On some days there were 200 new cases … aspect, as there were no new cases.—The Yellow Fever had likewise appeared in Berbice, of the first effects of which an affecting incident is related. Two clergymen, father and son, the eldest of whom was the first missionary that ever visited the colony, having left Berbice to consecrate a new church at Demerara, returned home after finishing their sacred work. They had not been at home forty eight hours before they were taken with the fever, the contagion of which had returned with them, and their useful services were terminated by death. The remedy made use of in Demerara was salt, which, if administered in the early stages of the disease, was said to be certain in its beneficial effects.

N Y Cour. & Enq.

Snatching a kiss.—A negro in Baltimore lately undertook to kiss a snapping turtle for a five cent piece, when the owner slipped the noose from the head of the monster, it caught the poor fellows upper lip, and it was impossible to deliver him, until its jaws were forced open. He said he would'nt buss another for a dollar—tank his stars for de 'scape his time.

HARD CASE.—One sunshiny day last week, a little boy gave a sixpence, the only one he had, to look for five minutes in a show box. Just then his friend came along and begged to look just one moment. He could not refuse such a request, and gave up his eye hole to the other, who looked and looked till the time had expired. This was too much for his philosophy and his politeness had been stretched beyond its powers of extension. He burst into tears and exclaimed—'You are as bad as Mr. Johnson, that borrow's father's paper every morning before he gets a chance to read it.'—*N. Y. Sun.*

We find the following in the Salem, Massachusetts Gazette:

POLICE.—On Saturday last, three boys were prosecuted for rude and disorderly behaviour, and for using indecent, profane and insulting language, in the streets, and near the dwellings of sundry individuals of the city. Their fines and costs amounted to $17 15.

The steamboat Commerce collapsed a flue between Louisville and Cincinnati, on Sunday, July 23rd. The mail was delayed. Nothing more.

☞Several contracts for Wheat have been taken in this county, at one dollar per bushel.—[*Columbus (Ohio) Gazette.*

The contractors will repent their bargain.—Wheat will be down to 70 cents or less.—*Cin. Evening Post.*

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