

Philadelphia has a Society for Organizing Charitable Relief and Reprising Mendicancy. It publishes a manual for the use of those who desire to visit the poor, containing advice as to the proper modes of help and warnings against imposition.

There are in Spain 3,120 artists connected with the stage. Of these 200 sing in zarzuelas or light pieces, interspersed with music, and 300 in opera; 400 are actresses, 650 actors, 250 female and 120 male dancers, and 20 choristers, male and female.

Dr. Newman, the new English Cardinal plays on the violin and violoncello with exquisite taste and skill. The symphonies of Beethoven are his evenings' delight. On being challenged by an eminent Methodist divine to discuss the merits of their faiths in the Birmingham Town Hall he declined, but said he would "play the violin against him."

Cogswell and Mack, actors, who pretend to fight every night on the stage as Col. Elevator and Prof. Gillipod, in Grover's, "Our Boarding House" company, fought in dead earnest across a breakfast table, in a Pittston hotel. They threw crockery and chairs at each other, and inflicted many disfiguring wounds.

A Nevada surgeon is in trouble through trying to improve a woman's nose. She had broken it when a child, and the mishap had left it in a slightly crooked condition. The surgeon bargained to straighten it, and attempted to do so by breaking it anew. The operation left the nose in a worse shape than it was before. The woman sues for \$10,000 damages.

Astonishing as the statement seems to be, yet Mr. Oliver Garrison, vice-president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and brother of Commodore O. K. Garrison, stated a few days ago that 12,000 miles of new railroad are to be built next summer in the United States, all to be laid with steel rails, and that 8,000 rails in one year will exhaust the supply. Most of these additional roads will be constructed in the West and Northwest.

The boat being built for Lewis Gs Goldsmith, the latest aspirant to cross the ocean and ultimately to go round the world, is almost completed. It is eight-een feet and a half in length, six feet beam, and three feet depth of hold, built of oak and hard pine planking. It is so constructed as to be a boat within a boat, having nine air-tight compartments. It is sharp at both ends, and it can bail itself. Goldsmith and his wife expect to circumnavigate the globe and terminate their voyage at San Francisco, returning to Boston by rail.

A curious specimen of the tramp family turned up at Danbury, Conn., last week. When arrested and searched nine pairs of trousers, a dozen waistcoats, and an equal number of coats were removed before the searchers came upon the framework of the man himself. These articles of clothing, with the contents of their pockets, weighed some 200 pounds, and the officers turned out of them rubbish of all sorts in quantity sufficient to fill an ordinary flour barrel. Amid the various bits of old iron, rusty scissors, knives, &c., were found \$147 in greenbacks.

Among the Nihilists recently arrested at Kieff, after a desperate and fatal encounter with the Russian police, were some illustrious prisoners. Among them are Mile. Olga Rasovska, who killed the gendarme who first entered the room where the conspirators met; Mile. de Gersfeld, the daughter of Gen. Gersfeld, who fired her revolver at the police, threatening to exterminate the whole race of them like so many dogs; and Countess Panin, the daughter of a Lady in Waiting to the Empress.

The railroad on the ice across the Missouri River at Bismarck has floated away. During the last day of its use it was from one to three feet under water, and big chunks of ice were sweeping over it, but trains of freight cars, bearing materials for the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, were hurried over up to the last moment. The last locomotive to cross was careened by the moving and sinking of the ice, and the fire was extinguished by the water.

Frank C. Bangs, the tragedian, tells the Philadelphia Press that America's great actors thirty years ago were Hamblin, John B. Scott, Gus Adams, and the elder Booth; that Edwin Forrest took entire possession of the tragic stage a little later and held it until Edwin Booth took it away from him; that neither Edwin Booth nor Davenport ever showed a spark of genius although very artistic actors, while Edwin Adams was a "child of genius"; that Barrett is cold and conservative, and that McCullough may become Forrest's successor.

MOTHER-IN-LAW.

In view of the war now raging between the British Nation and the inhabitants of Zululand, the following would seem to be apt. If King Cetewayo be the "badge of all that tribe" the action of the mothers-in-law, thereabouts, is not only natural but highly commendable:

"Among the Zulus, a nation of the Caffres, according to etiquette, the mother-in-law cannot face the son-in-law, but must hide, or pretend to hide, when she sees him. In this country a contrary etiquette or custom prevails; it is the son-in-law who does the dodging."

Few persons, except those immediately interested, are aware of the magnitude to which the business of shipping meat and live stock to foreign markets from this country has grown in the past three years. Fresh meats are shipped in refrigerators to all parts of the globe that furnish a market, and the loss is scarcely noticeable, less than one per cent. The amount of fresh beef exported in 1876 was 4,370,000 pounds, while in 1878 the exports rose to the enormous amount of 54,049,771. The value of the shipments of 1876 was \$49,100, and that of 1878, \$5,009,856. The value of the live stock exported in 1878 was \$733,195, and in 1878 it rose to \$5,444,653. More than half of the live stock exported finds a market in England.

FITZ JOHN PORTER.

The Committee in the Fitz John Porter case have made their report and that much abused and long suffering individual, the scape-goat for Pope's ignorance and inefficiency, stands before the world officially exonerated. A synopsis of the report, which is voluminous, has been published yet it is probable that it will not prove as satisfactory as was hoped for, inasmuch as Pope and McDowell seem both to go free of censure. The report will be submitted to Congress which will pass a bill for Gen. Porter's relief, this giving him the right of a reinstatement in his position in the Federal Army, but it is said that he does not desire this and will be satisfied with the full vindication which the report of the Committee and the action of Congress will give him.

REVOLUTIONARY.

Mr. DeGolyer Garfield's Democratic revolution seems, as the Washington Post has so aptly observed, to have fairly begun in St. Louis and Chicago, where the threatened revolution has revolved to such an extent as to sweep those two cities, not with fire and sword, and with bayonet and bullets, but with little paper ballots. The result as announced in this morning's dispatches is an eminently agreeable one, especially as regards Chicago, the hitherto hot-bed of infidelity and communism and, as a natural sequence, of radical Republicanism. This is the kind of revolution the Democrats propose to deal in hereafter and it is no wonder that the Republicans quake in their shoes at the prospect of an entire loss of the Federal pap and patronage which alone has been able to hold them together during the past decade. Let the revolution revolve!

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

We have received the "annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, on the Commerce and Navigation of the United States" through the courtesy of Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., its accomplished chief. We make some extracts from the report inasmuch as we think they are of interest and importance to the general reader. From its pages we glean the facts that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, the gold value of the total Exports of domestic merchandise...

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1, 1879.

Mr. Garfield, who has ways more plausible than any other public man of equal ability, but who, from general suspicion that he is insincere, has never taken the place in his party which men of less ability, like Blaine, for instance, have taken was selected to commence the radical fight in the House on Saturday against those measures of reform which the Democrats had agreed upon in caucus. Mr. Garfield labored with much skill to establish two things, knowing all the time that neither of them was in substance true. First, he attempted to show that to attach to the Army Appropriation bill a provision that troops should not be allowed to interfere with elections, and to persist in it, was revolutionary and treasonable. He knew, as every reflecting man knows, that he was talking nonsense. If Congress, to whom the control of the Navy and Army is given, vote them up or down, or fail to vote any way concerning them, it is simply exercising its constitutional right. Such action may cause grave inconvenience, as the paying of interest on bonds, or the collection of duties on imports does, and, perhaps, may in some cases, be permanently injurious to the country. But that is the business of Congress, and is not treason or revolution.

Mr. Garfield tried also to show that the measure to be repealed by the Democrats is a measure originating with Democrats and passed by Democratic votes. What the Democrats prepared and favored in 1866 was a bill putting the law on the subject of soldiers at the polls just where they want it. The unconstitutional provision now sought to be repealed was attached by radical votes, at the instance of Senator Pomeroy, to a very proper bill.

Thus Mr. Garfield, though he made a skillful and impressive speech, did not make an honest one. It was, in all essential matters, based on a perversion of facts. But it is to be circulated all over the North. It will be fully explained and answered in a few days in the House. Mr. Chalmers will speak to the subject to-day if possible.

In the Senate, too, the question of propriety of legislation on the appropriation bills is to be discussed to-day and, probably, for several days to come.

Debate, however, will not go beyond next week, unless business outside of the appropriation bills and the caucus amendments is considered. On that question there is the same uncertainty as when I wrote you last, with the chances, as then in favor of more extended legislation. However, this does not necessarily mean that anything will be done except to begin the work of correcting acknowledged abuses. There are men among Democrats, Republicans and Greenbackers, who, from various motives would like to see all the barriers to ordinary work removed. This is not necessary, and does not seem to be advisable. It has not been thought by more than perhaps 20 Democrats.

Some effort is being made, not with any idea of immediate effect, to provide for the election by the House of its own Committees, as is done in the Senate. There is much to be said in favor of the proposition, especially now as the position of Speaker has become, through the artful maneuvers of Mr. Blaine, and because of the necessities connected with war legislation, one of so greatly increased power. Mr. Randall hopes to announce the Committee of the present House in a few days. After that we may perhaps expect the subject of the change mentioned above to be brought to the attention of the House. Mr. Randall will not be found opposing it. Wholly outside of politics is an im-

portant question which incidentally came up in the Senate yesterday. It is as to accommodation for the library of Congress, some wishing to erect a new building and some wishing to erect a new wing to the Capitol, in which the library now has insufficient room. Mr. Conkling proposes the new wing. Mr. Merrill proposes a new building. There will be a lively contest over the subject. The whole question is now substantially in the hands of Mr. Voorhees, Chairman.

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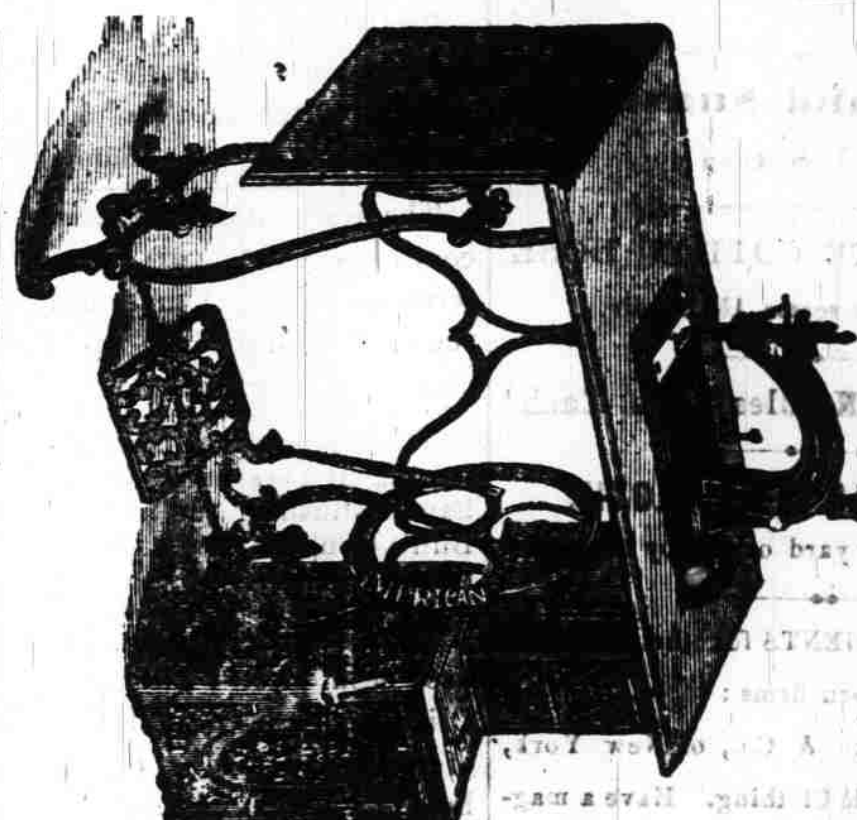
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